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THE HONGKONG NATURALIST. Vol. X nos. 3 and 4 Price \$4 (postage extra). Now on sale at South China Morning Post, Ltd.

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O. M. Green's Newsletter

Relayed from London

Radio Programme Broadcast by Z. B. W. on a Frequency of 845 k.c. and on Short Wave from 1-2.15 p.m. and 8-11 p.m. on 9.52 m.c.s. per second.

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12.15 p.m. Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 Tidworth Tattoo—1934.

Massed Bands of the Southern Command.

12.48 Songs by Raymond Newell (Barlone).

1.00 Local Time Signal.

1.01 Variety with Bobby Green, Connie Boswell and the Western Brothers.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press and Announcements.

1.45 A "Swing" Programme.

2.15 Close Down.

5.45 Indian Programme.

6.30 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 Songs by Georges Thill.

Nuit d'Espagne (Massenet); Ouvre ton Cœur (Bizet); ... with piano; Ah! Tout Est Bien (Le Cid, act III, Massenet); ... with Orchestra.

6.43 Delibes—Sylvia Ballet.

Prelude—The Huntresses—Intermezzo—Valse Lente—Pizzicato—Procession of Bacchus... Symphony Orchestra cond. by John Barbirolli.

7.00 London Relay—The News.

7.15 London Relay—Talk—O. M. Green's Newsletter.

7.30 Light Spanish Programme with La Argentina, Enli de Gogorza, and Conchita Supervia.

Cancion del Faje (Sartorio); Can- tares (Turino)... Conchita Supervia (Mezzo-Soprano); La Corrida (Val-verde); Serenata (Malata)... La Argentina (Castaneta solo with Or- chestra); La Sevillana (Yardley); El Relicario (Padilla)... Emilio de Gogorza (Baritone); Spanish Dance No. 1 (Granados)... New Light Sym- phony Orchestra; Lamento Boriceno (R. Hernandez); La Rosa Oriental (Ramón Espigul)... Conchita Super- via (Mezzo-Soprano).

8.00 Local Time Signal and An- nouncements.

8.02 Louis Levy and His Gaumont British Symphony.

8.22 Piano Duets with Rawicz and Landauer.

8.30 Max Miller in the Theatre Arala.

Recorded during the actual per- formance at the Holborn Empire, London.

9.00 London Relay—The News.

9.15 London Relay—"Questions of the Hour."

9.30 Request Variety Programme.

The Mocking Fairy (Becky); Elsie Suddaby (Soprano); Bill Mas- que (Fletcher)... Light Symphony Orchestra; Love Made The Song ("Careless Rapture")... Sybil Craw- ley and Eric Stirling with Dr. Lan Theatre Orchestra; Around the Danube (Chorus); Albert Sand- ler and his Orchestra; I'm Just Wild About Harry (Film "Babes in Arms")... Judy Garland; With Eric Coates Thro' London; Intro: Knightsbridge; At the Dance (Summer Days); Bird Songs at Eventide; Three Bears; Covent Garden; Wood Nymphs; I Pledge my Lonely Caravan; London Bridge... Quintin M. Mucien (Or- gan Solo); Dinah (Lewis and others); The Boogie Woogie (Vocal trio with guitar); Alexander's Rag- time Band (Film "Alexander's Rag- time Band")... The Boswell Sisters (trio with guitar).

9.45 News in French. (On Short Wave Only).

10.00 London Relay—"Correspon- dence Column" by Sidney Hornblow.

10.15 Request Dance Programme.

Fox-Trot—With the Wind and the Rain in your Hair... Bob Chester and His Orchestra; Fox-Trot—I Haven't Time to be a Millionaire... Tommy Dorsey and his Orchestra; Slow Fox-Trot—The Japanese Sam- man... Joe Danfols and his Hot Shots; Rumba Fox-Trot—Mama Inez... Rhumba Novelty Orchestra; Slow Fox-Trot—Where the Blue Begins... New Mayfair Dance Orchestra; Fox- trots—Ole King Cole Swane... Teddy Foster and his Kings of Swing; Fox-Trot—Across the Great Divide... Maurice Winnick and his Orchestra; Waltz—Mammy's Lullaby... The Green Brothers' Marimba Band.

11.00 Close Down.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the 52nd Ordinary Annual Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the offices of the Company, Exchange Building, Des Voeux Road, Victoria, Hong Kong, on Tuesday, the 22nd day of April, 1941, at 11.30 o'clock, a.m. for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ended 31st December, 1940.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, the 9th April, 1941, to TUESDAY, the 22nd April, 1941, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

R. TAYLOR,

Manager and Secretary.
Hong Kong, 25th March, 1941.

ST. STEPHEN'S COLLEGE, STANLEY

The Middle School and the Preparatory School will re-open on April 21, 1941.

Entrance Examination for New Students on Saturday, April 19th, at 9 a.m.

For Prospectus for Boarders and Day-boys apply to Pang Man Sui, Esq., or Chun Pak Luk Esq., Messrs Harry Wicking, Prince's Building. (Tel. 30241) or to ST. STEPHEN'S COLLEGE, STANLEY.

NOTICE

DEFENCE REGULATIONS 1940

The following rates will be charged for mailing single copies of the following newspapers abroad:—

South China Morning Post

China and Macao

16 cents per copy

British Empire and Foreign

25 cents per copy

The Hongkong Telegraph

China and Macao

14 cents per copy

16 cents Saturdays

British and Foreign

20 cents per copy

25 cents Saturdays.

Bad Black-Out

Hongkong Was Mass of Lights

"Last night's short black-out cannot be considered a success," said Wing-Comdr A. H. Steele-Perkins, Director of Air Raid Precautions. "The report of aerial observers was that Hongkong from 6,000 feet appeared a mass of lights."

First reports from land observation posts, from the black-out was fairly successful, but the danger of relying on such observations was fully borne out by the reports of observers who flew over the Colony by plane.

Wing-Comdr Steele-Perkins made a tour from Shaohkwan to West Point during the exercise. At Causeway Bay, lights were showing from numerous sampans and other craft, and the tremendous number of lights, he said, presented a very great danger in time of war. The squatters' camps at Tai Hang and Blue Pool Road were very bad indeed in this respect.

Though the Central and Western districts had improved somewhat on previous black-outs, there were still too many lights showing. However, he added it was a gratification to see the increase in houses which really made a creditable attempt at a black-out.

The careless flashing of torches and lighting of cigarettes in the streets was again evidenced, in spite of the request of the A.R.P. authorities to the public to refrain from doing so, he said.

The black-out automatically began at sunset and ended at 10 p.m. No air-raid sirens were sounded and traffic continued on land and water without interference.

D'Artagnan in Saigon

Saigon, Apr. 17.

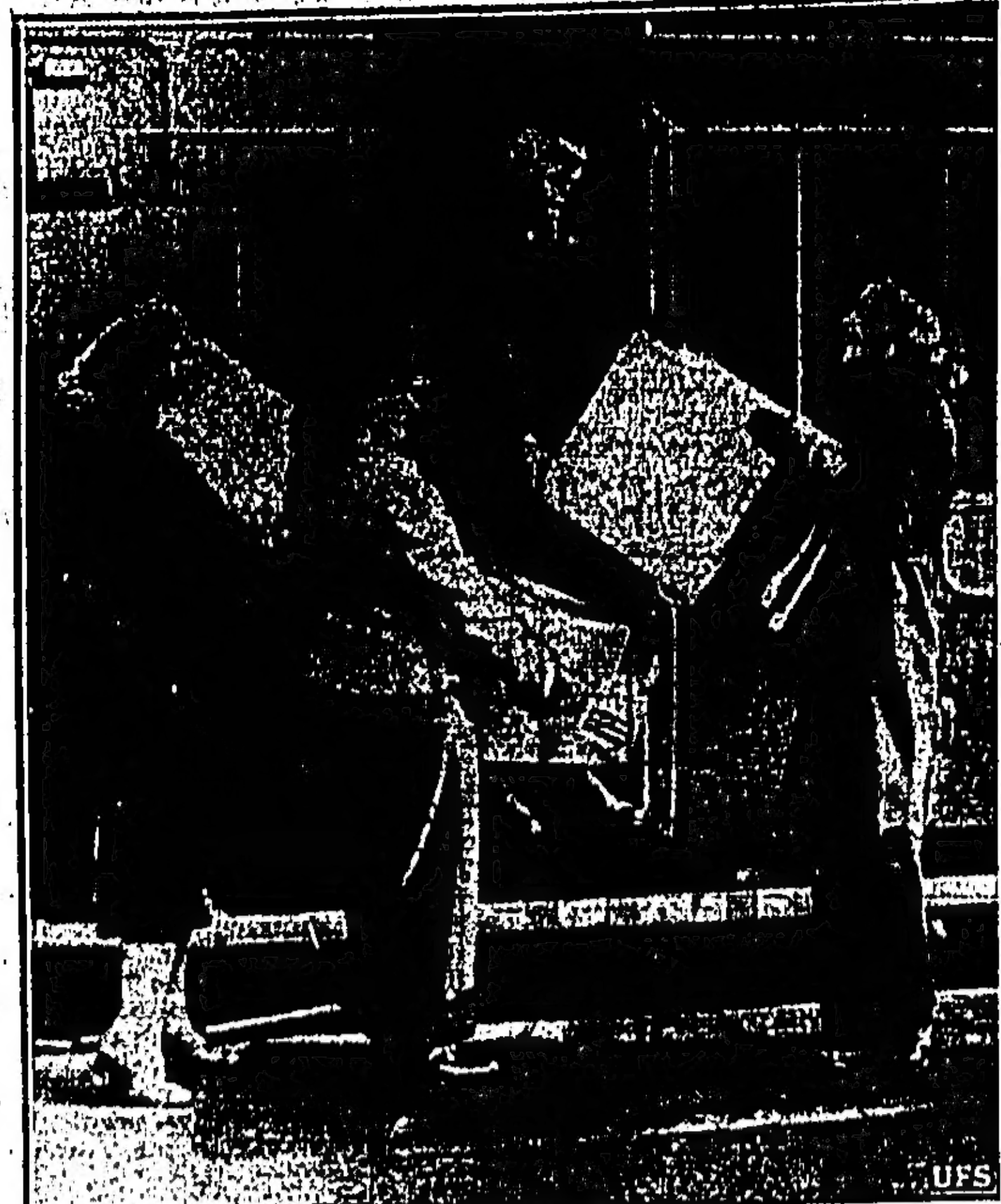
The M.M. liner d'Artagnan arrived to-day from Hongkong where it underwent unexpected repairs. Baiting reports that the vessel had been seized.

Patrol rationing has been enforced as the British and American companies have not received supplies for many weeks.—United Press.

YOUR DESTINATION

METROPOLE HOTEL

ADAPTED BATH IN EVERY ROOM



WOMEN PORTERS—War has taken British women into many lines of work formerly deemed suitable for men only. Here are women train porters at a London station, on hand to carry your baggage.

Soya Bean Milk & Cake Can Be Prepared Here

The following authoritative information regarding preparation of soya bean milk and soya bean cake, provided by the Nutrition Research Committee, supplies the information sought by a correspondent to this paper yesterday. It was published in the Press some time ago.

There are ample stocks of soya bean in the Colony. The bean constitutes such a valuable form of food at a cost within the means of all but the destitute that the Director of Medical Services is anxious that the method of preparation of soya bean milk should be more generally known.

While bean milk can be given to quite young infants, it is found to be more easily digested by those over six months of age. It is necessary, therefore, to sound a note of warning in the case of bottle-fed babies, namely, to introduce bean milk gradually into the diet, in order to accustom the infant to it by degrees. Bean milk should be made up fresh daily, if possible, especially as many households in which it can be used are unlikely to be equipped with refrigeration of any kind.

The soya beans are first weighed and washed carefully in several changes of clean water.

The beans should be soaked in water for 8 hours in summer, the water being changed three times, and 8 hours in winter, the water being changed four times.

They are subsequently placed in a stone mill which grinds the beans into a thick, creamy paste. The paste is placed in a clean muslin bag and the liquid milk allowed to filter through the residue in the bag is washed with clean water and the filtrate is added to the first sample of more creamy milk.

Final Residue

The final residue in the bag can be mixed with flour, groundnut oil and sugar, calcium carbonate, and yeast, and baked into cakes.

The weights shown in Table I below of salt, cane sugar, dextrin-maltose and calcium lactate are then dissolved in water and cooked into a syrup, which should be added to the milk just before it is served to avoid precipitation.

In Hongkong, dextrin-maltose and cane sugar and the calcium salt can be omitted where additional expense has to be avoided, although all these constituents make for a more satisfactory milk, particularly in growing children.

The balance of the 100 ozs of water is then added to the creamy milk and the mixture is heated to boiling point and put aside to cool—later being covered with muslin and placed in an ice chest or refrigerator, if one is available.

The milk can be used by older children and by adults in need of additional nourishment.

The taste differs somewhat from cow's milk, but there is no doubt as to the popularity of the milk in the various Government refugee camps and welfare centres.

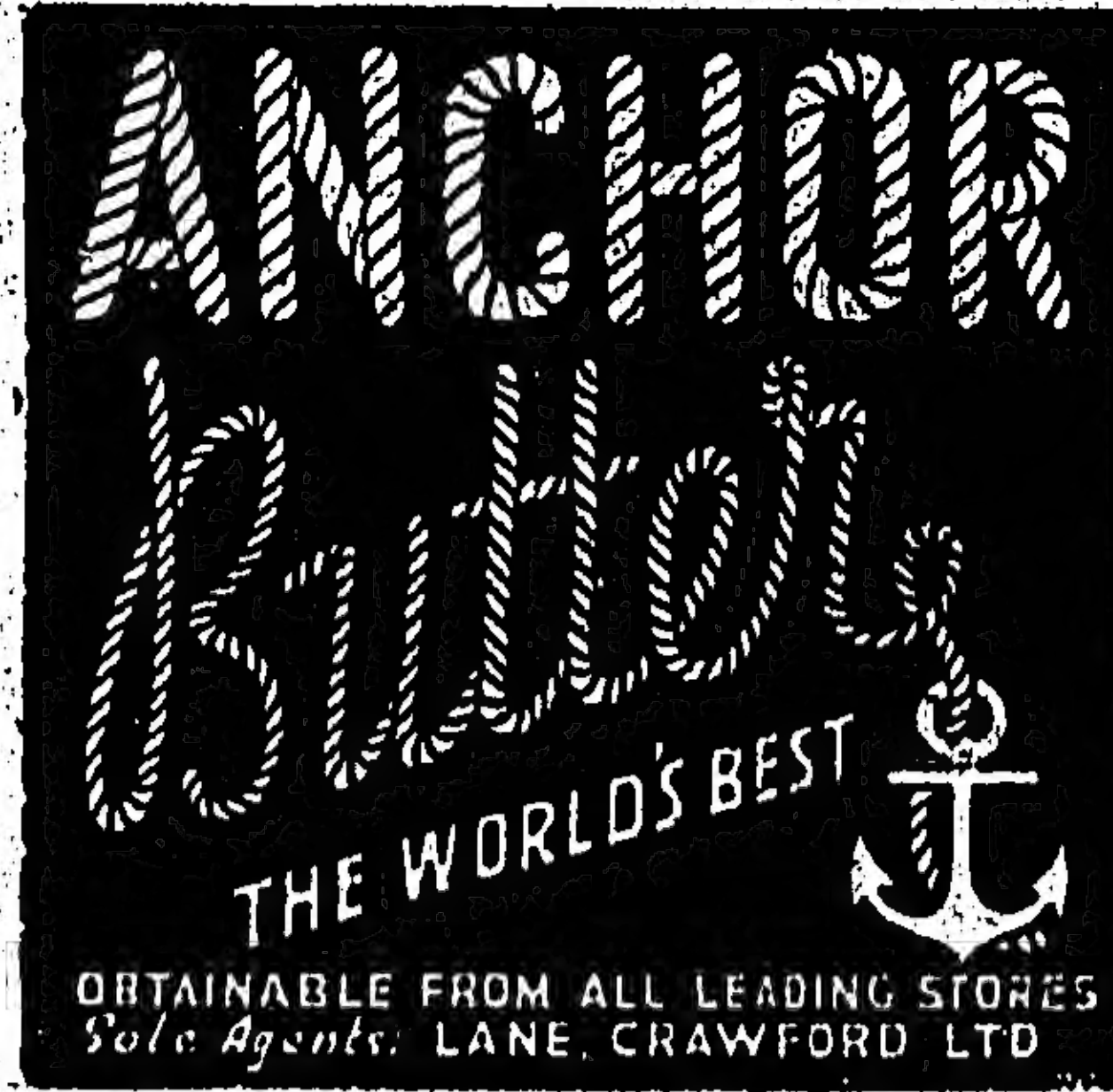
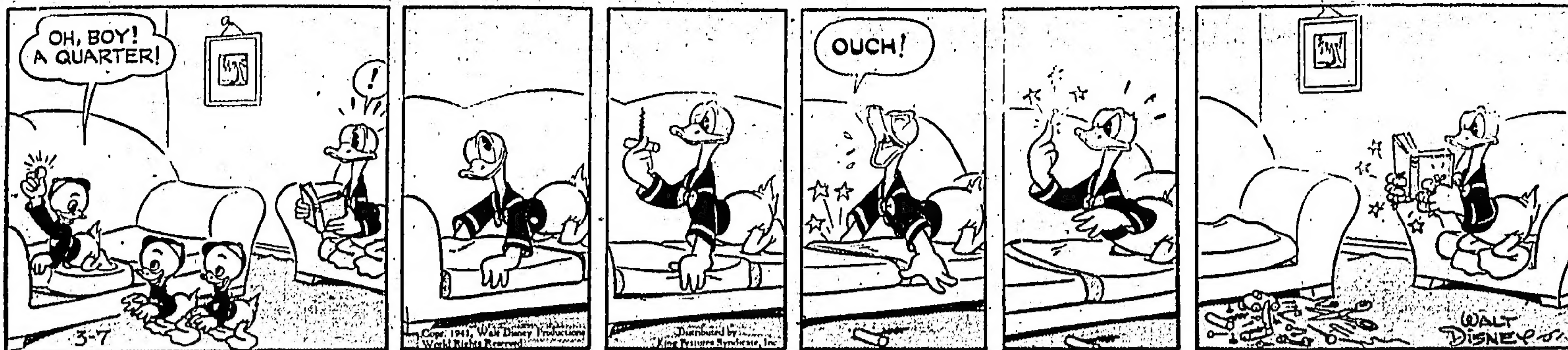
Ingredients

The actual ingredients for six pints of the milk—sufficient for a family consisting of a bottle-fed baby, two older children and a mother and father—are as follows:

| Table I. | ozs. | ozs. | ozs. |
|---|----------------|--------------|----------------|
| Soya beans | 20 | ozs. | 1½ lbs. |
| Water | 100 | ozs. | 6 pints |
| Cane sugar | 10½ | teaspoonfuls | |
| Dextrin-maltose | 3½ | teaspoonfuls | |
| Calcium lactate | 1½ | teaspoonful | |
| The milk as prepared should be diluted with cool, boiled water for infants of different weights in accordance with the amounts given in Table II. | | | |
| Table II. | Weight of baby | ozs. | English weight |
| 12 | ozs. | 10½ | ozs. |
| 14 | ozs. | 12½ | ozs. |
| 16 | ozs. | 14½ | ozs. |
| 18 | ozs. | 16½ | ozs. |
| 20 | ozs. | 18½ | ozs. |
| 22 | ozs. | 20½ | ozs. |
| 24 | ozs. | 22½ | ozs. |
| 26 | ozs. | 24½ | ozs. |
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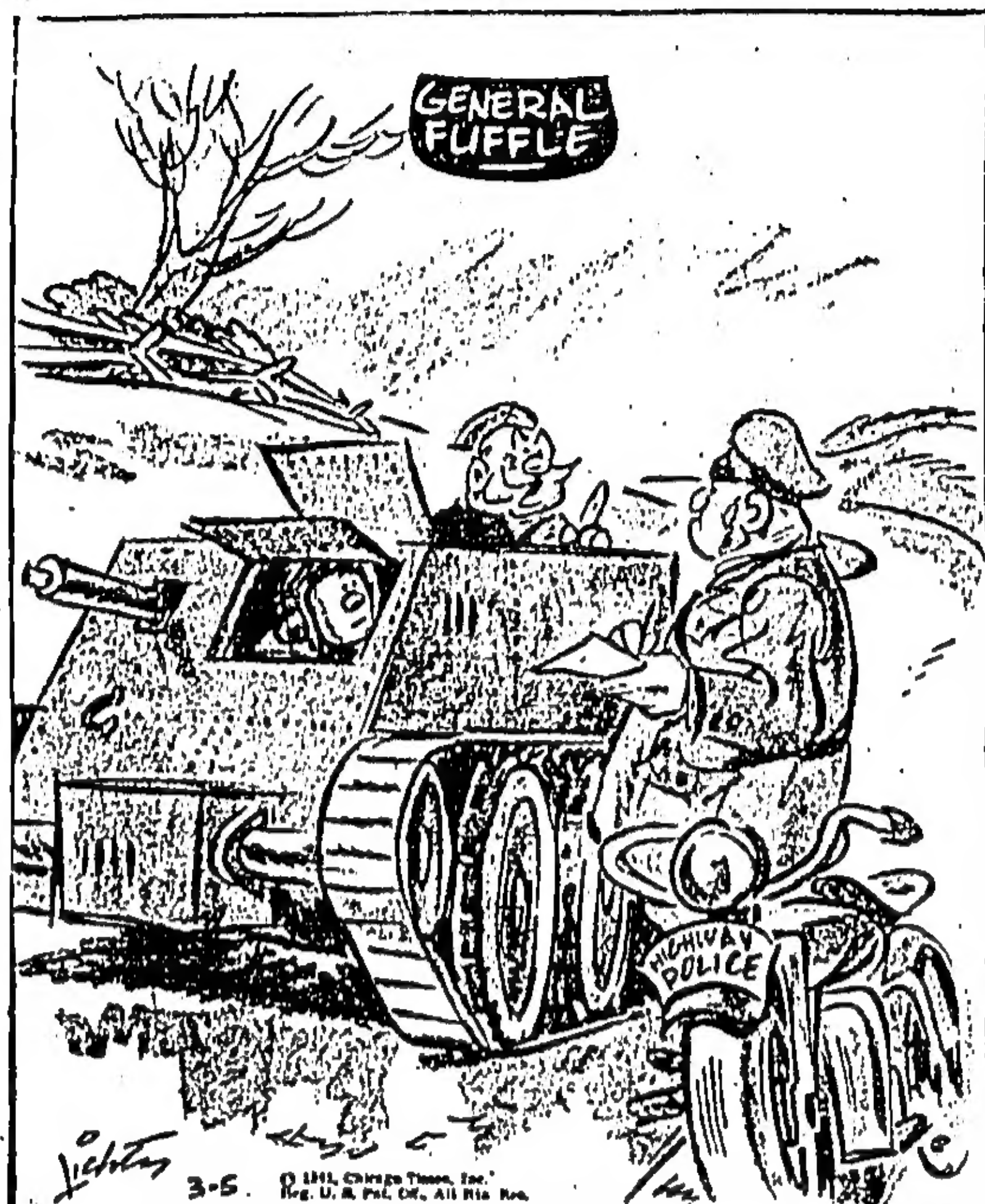
DONALD DUCK

By Walt Disney



GRIN AND BEAR IT

By Lichty



"I'll thank you not to put down how fast we were going—that's a military secret!"

Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

ACROSS

- One who writes in justification
- Acute
- Award respect
- One who relieves
- Aprile
- Warm (French)
- Russian (French)
- Choir
- Complete
- Companion (slang)
- That thing
- Roup turen
- Take supper
- American-humoral
- Sea eagle
- Heard
- Lately
- Bird of prey
- Icelandic
- Forehead
- Trigonometric ratios
- Worker in cricket
- Arabic coin
- Fourteen forth
- Heard
- Take too much
- City in Brazil (col.)
- Innards
- Burlesque weight
- Break again
- The chair in "tag"
- Conceded
- Transgress
- American plant
- Part of India
- Ilethen

DOWN

- Dragon
- Torture chambers
- Quill
- Run before wind
- Spread for drying
- Clothing string
- Drag
- Pool
- Place of abode
- Make believe
- Prize before
- Wound excretion
- Porcelain bones
- Disdainful look
- Make use of
- Porcelain bones
- Slender coils
- Pertaining to middle of body
- Secretly
- Harmonized
- Present
- Armed combat
- Love song
- Villages
- Love (Latin)
- Money of account
- Wined
- Girl's name
- Most painful
- Blind
- Delect
- Through
- Equality
- Deer
- Southwestern state (abbr.)

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

1-Expert
2-Nathaniel volcano
3-Bird
4-French article

We've Got Secret Weapons, Too!

I WISH some of the careless talk I hear could get to Hitler's ears. It would give him the shock of his life. He might believe it, and if he believed only half of it, it might be amusing.

Frequently at my hour of the day I am the only male passenger in the bus to town, which is packed with women. The two behind me are talking.

"...very soon now I should imagine, Robert says so. He's on the Exchange you know dear, of course he gets to know things.

"He says we've got a simply staggering new gun now. It doesn't shoot a shell or bullet or anything like that. It's too wonderful I believe. It fires a vacuum, I think he said, or something like that. Anyway, I know nothing can live in one, or Nature doesn't like it, whatever it is. I do remember that. And Robert says that's just where we fox them. We fire the vacuum thing when there's a raid on, and up it goes, and they don't know it's coming because they can't see it, and nothing can live in it, and so the Nazi simply fades out, my dear. Just like that. Terribly simple,

don't you think? But Robert says all simple things are really clever, or the other way about, I forget which. But it absolutely is so."

She had to pause in order to breathe and her companion simply leapt in.

"I know. I know. John was only telling me the other day, that a man he met on the train was saying that we've got an invisible plane nearly ready."

"Really."

"Yes, you can see right through it, and they'll be able to go over Berlin in the day and fly quite low, and see

what the people really are doing in the streets, because, they won't be able to see the plane at all—only the engine—because John says the man told him that they can't make an invisible engine yet. But even if the Germans do see an engine floating about the sky, it seems they'll know it isn't possible, and they'll not believe it, and think it's because they've spots in front of their eyes, with that ersatz food they have to eat."

Her friend nodded. "I should think Hitler will be simply livid when he finds out, because if there's one thing



the man can't stand, Robert says, it's being ridiculous, and as I was saying to my

A WOMAN takes her place in the vacant seat beside me. It appears she knows the two women in front.

"Hello there," she cries, "but how odd—you of all people. I haven't seen you since that frightful day when the balloon got loose. Do you remember?"

"Rather. There's a new one, you know. Never up, though. I asked one of the men if they were short of rope one day. Poor dear couldn't see a joke. Said they'd

plenty of rope and too much gas. I'm told the real reason they keep it down is because if they let it up it might attract the German planes. But why have one at all, I say?"

"You're quite right, dear. George was only saying this morning they'll soon be a thing of the past. He knows a man on the railway, or it might be in the Civil Service. I forget which. Anyway, he has something to do with the Government, or has he? Anyway, he was saying, this Income Tax man, that's what he was, that we've got some sort of a ray that does away with gravity or something."

"Anyway, what this Foreign Office man, or whatever he is, said was that if they took away gravity there'd absolutely be nothing at all to keep the German down, if you understand. He would actually go flying up and up to Heaven knows where, and as they don't bring much food with them they'd simply starve to death. And all the bombs would go up and up into the stratosphere or hemisphere, I never can remember which. Anyway, I know it would be simply splendid and all be over in less than no time, this Secret Service man says."

THE bright young woman in front nodded. She hadn't been listening.

She'd been waiting, and now she burst in: "I had a note from Rachael the other day. She's secretary to a general or an admiral, you know, and hears all the hush hush. And she was saying that on the coast we'd found a way to freeze the sea, and if Hitler did try to invade us, they'd simply wait until the Nazis got near the beach and then they'd freeze the sea, and there they would be all stuck in the ice, my dear, and they'd simply be mown down. I mean imagine it. Goering and Hitler all screaming their heads off in the ice, and dear Mr Churchill on the beach waving his cigar at them. I think it's too splendid, don't you, darling?"

I HAD to leave, but if the war ends suddenly on April 1, you will know the reason why, or will you?

A. R. T.

Account Taken As Paid

A West of England furnishing firm, whose premises were destroyed by enemy action, circulated its business connections asking for copies of accounts outstanding against it. From one supplier, a small handicraft worker, came the following reply, which the firm is to frame:

"I am in receipt of your postcard, and I am indeed sorry to hear you have been a victim of senseless destruction. Without wishing in any way to be charitable, I am sending you an invoice receipted to the amount of my account. I feel, as Englishmen, we should as far as we are able help to shoulder each other's misfortunes, and I desire you to consider the account paid."

Moore Raymond

German Anthem in my Pub

I WAS in a London pub one night recently when the radio began to blare out "Deutschland uber Alles."

It was a noisy, chattering bar till this happened. But at once the conversation faded.

The suspense grew with every note of the song, the civilians kept on looking to see how the soldiers would react. And the soldiers, uncomfortable, kept on looking at one another.

Suddenly a voice called from one corner of the room. Its accent was an obvious burlesque of what you might call the Eton-and-Sandhurst accent.

It called: "I say, you fellows"

Everybody turned to see a middle-aged civilian addressing the main group of officers.

Then he said: "I say, why aren't you fellows STANDING AT ATTENTION?"

The whole bar burst into laughter. By the time it was over the German National Anthem was over as well.

NOW I ask you . . . Is there any other country in the world where such a thing could have happened?

German soldiers would have wrecked the bar or arrested the landlord or something.

But in this London bar the whole thing was turned into a joke. It wasn't a very good joke, but at least it was something to laugh at.

And that's what the British people are doing to-day—laughing all they can. That's because they know that if we are going to be free to live, we must be free to laugh.

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DEATH

RUSSELL.—Margaret Jane, passed peacefully away at "The Hermitage," Hongkong, at 3 a.m. April 18, 1941. The funeral will take place at the Colonial Cemetery to-morrow, the cortege passing the Monument at 5 p.m.

The
Hongkong Telegraph.

Friday, April 18, 1941.

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STIFF UPPER LIP

THERE is no doubt that many English people are now remembering with pride that their gallant leader promised them blood, tears, toil and sweat along the first arduous laps to victory. The reversals in Libya and the Balkans, superficial as they may prove to be, are a timely reminder that the Nazi land forces are a most formidable fighting machine—not at all to be compared with the Italian army.

There is little doubt but that the war is going on for a long time yet and the peoples assembled together under the Union Jack against Germany and Italy are prepared grimly to suffer whatever reverses the future may hold for them on land, sea and in the air. It is gratifying to reflect that whatever casualties we sustain, the enemy pays generally threefold and whatever territory he gains always adds to his overheads and pays no dividends. On the other hand the democracies' strength increases by leaps and bounds; time, which we should have taken by the forelock a few years ago, has not deserted us.

Factually the situation calls for clear thinking and quick action on our part to nullify entirely the enemy gains in North Africa and to check his headlong course in the south of Yugo-Slavia towards the heart of Greece. General Wavell took a great gamble with his Army of the Nile. He had to. Using his forces like a hammer he struck blow after blow swiftly along the whole Libyan coast and then, having temporarily quashed all opposition he turned it on Abyssinia and crushed that clayey-footed Empire in a few history-making weeks. At the same time Wavell denuded his strength in proportion to the enemy's weakening resistance to send reinforcements to Greece while he had also to keep in mind the threat that might yet emerge from Tripoli where the humiliated enemy was being given backbone by a German armoured division and infantry shipped and flown across from Italy with considerable casualties on route.

Wavell's gamble has been justified. Abyssinia has fallen in time for us to release for service on the Libyan front those victorious troops who raced through Abyssinia. There is no doubt that they will eliminate the German spear-head. The Italians will not risk moving a strong army out of Tripoli in a "do or die" effort to crush the British and hold the German gains unless they are certain of success; and they are not certain.

In Greece the enemy have compressed our lines back upon a powerful spring whose embarked face covers the country from the Ionian to the Aegean Sea. The question remains whether enemy pressure can

THE new Europe will fall unless it solves the riddle of the Balkans.

It is true that in one sense the Balkans are not, and have never been, a part of Europe. They suffered in every great onslaught of the Asiatic tribesmen.

They were on that unhappy borderland where two civilisations met, and although what we now call Western civilisation had its origins in the most southerly tip of the Balkans peninsula, it was not the Western, but the Eastern, spirit which eventually triumphed. It used to be said that Europe ends at Vienna. But that was before the Nazis came.

Since the middle of the nineteenth century the Balkans have been the jousting-ground of Big Power politics.

Russia and Austria, Germany and Italy used Serb and Bulgar, Greek and Turk as pawns in a vast, cynical and occasionally murderous game of grab.

To Germany the Balkan peninsula was the jumping-off place for her long-contemplated march into Asia. Russia kept a covetous eye on Constantinople and the Straits.

Birth-Pangs

France and England tried to bribe the Sultan into submission with loans, while the more astute Germans played the bolder card of revolution, and put the Young Turks in power.

Greece and Bulgaria were the objects of Victorian England's sentimental admiration, but English Liberals did not protest when a descendant of the Bourbons was crowned in Sofia as Tsar of the Bulgarians.

Since the end of the war of 1914-1918 the Balkans have become a blue-print of democracy in its birth-pangs. They have witnessed the coming and the going of all varieties of parliamentary government.

In Yugoslavia and Rumania, the two Balkan countries with the least homogeneous population, Parliament has never been more than a fiction. It has served as the stage for mutual recriminations and revolver-duels between rival parties and national groups, but it has never ruled.

Not even in the time of the Liberal Brailianus could it be said that the Rumanians enjoyed parliamentary representation. And since then...

Bulgaria, under the stout and swarthy peasant Premier, Stambulsky, had a short experience of democracy. But Stambulsky was murdered by his political opponents.

The dictator, Tsankoff, came into power, and after him a long series of more or less arbitrary statesmen. Only the mild, moderating influence of King Boris saved the country from internal revolution.

Turkey's Path

Under the late Kemal Ataturk, and under his successor Inonu, Turkey has enjoyed a kind of benevolent and patriarchal autocracy, grafted on to a society essentially democratic in character.

Kemal was unlike other autocrats in this, that he sincerely encouraged the growth of democracy and parliamentary government in Turkey, even to the point of creating an official opposition, when the rule of a single national party seemed to be stifling political thought and criticism.

Like other autocrats, however, Kemal refused to remove himself from the seat of power and see what would happen under conditions of complete freedom. If he had done so, we may wonder if Turkey would be resisting the Axis to-day.

For what is freedom? "Liberty is a noble idea," said a Greek to me recently, "but it is not easy to define it. And it is still less easy to say where one man's liberty ceases and another's begins."

A nation only knows what liberty is when it has lost it. But which is more important, individual liberty or national liberty? And could Greece have saved its national liberty and its independence against the sud-

be brought to break this spring or whether the British can bring in reinforcements that will release these pent-up forces to join with resurgent elements in Yugo-Slavia, Bulgaria and Rumania in resistance.

It would be foolish to attempt to prophesy what will happen; it is however, safe to say that a German success in this Balkan struggle will not help her one wit to a victory in World War No. 2.

Concluding:

HOW WILL HITLER FALL?

RIDDLE of the BALKANS

By GEORGE SLOCOMBE

(The Famous Foreign Correspondent)

den aggression of Mussolini if the Greeks had not been led by the authoritarian Metaxas?

I discussed this question with the Greek Minister in London, M. Simopoulos. The son of a famous Greek scholar and the nephew of a famous Minister of Finance, M. Simopoulos is a veteran in diplomacy. He has served his country in many capitals and under many different Governments.

He was in London when the two most important events occurred in recent history, before the war with Italy—the restoration of King George to the Greek throne in 1935 and the advent of General Metaxas to power in 1936.

Hour And The Man

M. Simopoulos explained to me the circumstances in which Metaxas was called to office. The country was divided into two almost equally powerful factions.

The elections held after King George's restoration, under conditions of freedom and order rarely witnessed in Greece, divided the seats in Parliament between the two principal Parties, but gave the final power to the Communist minority, which with its 14 seats, could put either Party in office.

The King, therefore, decided the issue by appealing to a Government of non-party men, headed by a university professor, the late M. Demertzis.

When this man died, his Vice-Premier, General Metaxas, succeeded him. Metaxas then governed Greece with a mild, even-handed, but nevertheless autocratic hand.

Let us not blink the fact, the valiant Greece of to-day, the Greece which rose as one man against Mussolini, which threw back the Italians across the frontier, which pursued an immensely superior army into Albania, which is still inflicting defeat after defeat on Mussolini's mechanised and highly-disciplined army, is not, according to our British ideas, a democracy.

But they were united against outside enemies.

Miscalculations

Italy had for years exerted the weapons of economic penetration, political corruption and Press bribery

In this Greco-Turk reconciliation may be found the germ of a settlement of all the Balkan troubles, perhaps of all the troubles of Europe.

Yet one of these States was, in theory, an autocratic State; and the other a State fluctuating painfully between periods of democracy and periods of semi-autocracy.

Evidently, democracy alone is not to be the fundamental basis of any immediate charter for the Balkans. Not, that is, democracy as the French know it, and as we used to understand it in Great Britain.

The truth would seem to be that democracy can only flourish at a certain stage of political development and of political education. Superficial culture alone does not encourage its growth—as witness Germany, the Germany of the Kaiser, of the Weimar Republic, or of the Third Reich.

In the Balkans, a peninsula of small agricultural States but recently emerged from a long period of enslavement to the Ottoman Empire, and later subject to the domination of one Great Power after another, peace, prosperity and orderly government may have to be ensured for some years to come by a measure of autocratic power.

Co-operation

The protection of the big Powers—Russia or Great Britain—is no solution of the problem.

When the Balkan peoples have learned to depend solely upon themselves, they will have learned the lesson of collective resistance against aggression from without. During the years of illusory European reconciliation and appeasement there were repeated attempts to organise the Balkan States into an entente for mutual protection.

But always that entente was weakened by the abstention of a country, like Bulgaria, directly influenced or dominated by an aggressive Power, or the doubtful participation of an unstable State like Rumania, fearful of the designs of the neighbours whose territory it had acquired.

Federation?

This war may clarify that always disquieting condition of things. It only it removes the Balkans from the Great Powers' sphere of influence. If only it persuades the Balkan States to persist in the way of federation.

For a hundred years the Balkans have contained the germs of Great Power disputes.

War in Europe was narrowly averted in 1912 as a result of the Balkan wars. In 1914, the long-threatened conflagration was touched off by a Balkan incident.

It may be that in this long-disputed region of Europe the basis will be found of a larger European federation, a more permanent European peace.

CORFU WAITS FOR SETTLING DAY

NO place has suffered more at the Duce's hands than Corfu. Day after day, raids on this beautiful town and island have been proudly recorded in Mussolini's communiques. There is no need to look far for the reason. Corfu is close to Italy—and it is undefended. The Italian airmen have therefore been able to crucify its inhabitants in perfect safety. With their casualties mounting to many hundreds, the citizens of Corfu have shown that they too can "take it"—and wait with patience and hope for the day of reckoning which now seems not so far away.

The people of Corfu have a double account to settle with the Duce. For it was to them, on a beautiful day in August 17 years ago, that Mussolini first showed the blackness of his heart.

It all began with some murders on the Santi Quaranta road. An Italian General named surrendered the island. The Pretelli and some Italian officers felt said he must get in touch with Athens. He pointed out limitation work when they were attacked by assassins and sary to use force as Corfu was killed. The Duce, spolling to in no position to resist. Of its assert the new authority of two forts, the older had been Fascism, demanded satisfaction dismantled in 1864 and now from the Greek Government. A housed refugees and an orphan-harsh ultimatum was delivered age. There was no gun in the Athens. The Greeks accepted some of its conditions, shot.



but rejected others. They declared, with good reason, that their responsibility for the murders was not proved.

EARLY in the afternoon of August 31 an Italian fleet came sailing into Corfu harbour. The commander was taken ashore and unceremoniously called upon the Prefect to road. An Italian General named surrendered the island. The Pretelli and some Italian officers felt said he must get in touch with Athens. He pointed out limitation work when they were attacked by assassins and sary to use force as Corfu was killed. The Duce, spolling to in no position to resist. Of its assert the new authority of two forts, the older had been Fascism, demanded satisfaction dismantled in 1864 and now from the Greek Government. A housed refugees and an orphan-harsh ultimatum was delivered age. There was no gun in the Athens. The Greeks accepted some of its conditions, shot.

The Italian departed. The Prefect set to work to inform the foreign Consuls. A few minutes after the British Consul had been notified, the Italian warships began to bombard the town.

The Italian gunnery was shocking in its inaccuracy. Of thirteen shells aimed at the fort, twelve fell short and hit a gendarmic school. Several ploughed their way through a crowd of orphan boys bathing in the sea. Others fell among the refugees, about whose presence and whereabouts the Italian commander had been warned. Of twenty people found dead when the shelling subsided, 10 were children. The wounded could be counted in dozens. Corfu, which had gone to its sleep under a peaceful Mediterranean sky, awoke to the sounds and sights of the battlefield. The new Roman Emperor had won his first victory.

After the bombardment, the Italian commander made light of the crime. "You know this is not war," he said to an American, Colonel Lowe. "This is a peaceful occupation." If what I saw was peace, said the Colonel. "I don't know what you call war." Later he declared that the bombardment had been entirely unnecessary, as "one officer with a handful of men could have accomplished the occupation without firing a single gun."

The islanders, nursing the wounds of 1940, have not forgotten the wounds of 1923. Bravely, grimly, they are waiting for settling day.

Paul Winterton

Stamp Family Wiped Out In London Raid

LONDON, Apr. 17 (Reuter).—The bodies of Lord Stamp and his heir, the Hon. Wilfred Stamp, both killed in last night's air raids, have been recovered from the wreckage of their home in Shortlands, Kent.

The search is continuing for Lady Stamp.

Lord Stamp, whose career was an amazing "success" story, rose from a 15-shillings-a-week boy to the highest business appointments in the land. As, among other activities, President of the London Midland and Scottish Railway, Director of the Bank of England and the Imperial Chemical Industries, and economic expert and adviser to the Government, he was one of the busiest men in the country.

Other Victims
Other raid victims include Lord Auckland, who was an air pilot, and Al Bowly, who was a well-known crooner, both being killed in London.

Body Recovered
LONDON, Apr. 17 (Reuter).—The body of Lady Stamp has now been recovered together with those of Lord Stamp and their son.

They were in a shelter when the house received a direct hit and collapsed on the shelter, which was demolished.

Of the seven people taking refuge, only one was rescued alive.

'ALMOST DAILY' AID TO BRITAIN

Knox Disclosure

WASHINGTON, Apr. 17 (Reuter).—The United States Navy is "almost daily" issuing material to Britain from stores in hand.

The Secretary for the Navy, Colonel Frank Knox, disclosed this while testifying before the Senate Defence Investigation Committee.

Referring to the progress being made on shore facilities, including the new bases acquired from Britain, Colonel Knox declared that the work on them was "55 per cent. complete, on the average."

Sikorski In America

Czech Welcome

NEW YORK, Apr. 17 (Reuter).—Enthusiastic receptions awaited General Sikorski, the Polish Prime Minister, on the first day of his official visit to New York.

Speaking at a banquet given by the Poles of New York, he appealed for more aid. "Our undaunted people and our firmly fighting army know that your hearts are with them but they are expecting more—they expect that you will act."

The statement was loudly cheered and the Polish National Anthem was sung.

A significant demonstration was the spontaneous greeting of General Sikorski by Czechoslovak nationals in New York.

Economic Warfare

Ministry

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".
SHANGHAI, Apr. 18 (UP).—The British Embassy last night announced that the former Shanghai Municipal Councillor and head of the Shanghai office of the Imperial Chemical Industries, Mr. V. St. J. Killery, has been appointed as head of a mission which the Ministry of Economic Warfare is establishing at Singapore for the "purpose of gathering and co-ordinating information concerning economic and industrial trends in the Far East."

The marriage took place at Saigon on April 12 of Miss Virginia Maria Yvanovich, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. V. A. Yvanovich of Hongkong, and Mr. George Augusto do Rozario, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. G. do Rozario of Saigon.

Sun Fo On Future Of China

CHUNGKING, Apr. 17 (Central News).—Discussing China's policy of resistance and reconstruction in a special article in a recent issue of the "Central Weekly," Dr. Sun Fo, President of the Legislative Yuan, emphasized that China's war of resistance will never cease or be modified midway; that China will never be anti-Democratic, and that she will not adopt Capitalism.

Dr. Sun said that experience for more than ten years in the past testified that the Chinese Communist Party and Communism were not suitable for China.

He revealed that the Soviet authorities had said to him that they hoped China would become an independent nation and were not anxious she should adopt Communism. The Chinese Communist Party in their efforts to national solidarity and the execution of the Three Principles of the People laid down by the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen, Father of the Chinese Republic.

BELGIAN ENVOY ENTERTAINS

CHUNGKING, Apr. 17 (Central News).—Baron Jules Guillaume, Belgian Ambassador to China, gave a dinner party yesterday evening in honour of Dr. Wang Chung-hui, Minister of Foreign Affairs, and other high Chinese officials.

The Belgian Envoy paid a courtesy call on Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek on April 14, and donated funds for the relief of Chinese refugees.

CONVOY LIE

WASHINGTON, Apr. 17 (Reuter).—President Roosevelt, through his Private Secretary, Mr. Stephen Early, characterized as a "deliberate lie" the reports that United States naval vessels were helping to convoy British ships across the Atlantic.

Rigid Control of Aliens In Philippines Sought

MANILA, April 17 (UP).—Registration and identification of all aliens in the Philippines, with a view to checking illegal entry of foreigners and curbing possible Fifth Column activities, is visualized in a bill drafted by Secretary of Interior Rafael Alunan for submission to the National Assembly.

Secretary Alunan declared that enactment of the measure was imperative in view of present world conditions. He said that under present laws the Philippines was helpless against possible operations of Fifth Columnists.

The Philippines already has rigid immigration laws, but Mr. Alunan believes they are not sufficient to protect the country from illegal entry of foreigners and illegal alien activities. He declares that the measure he has drafted would provide the means to detect easily any foreigner who had entered the country illegally.

The measure has three main features, as follows:
1. Registration and identification of all aliens under a system to be supervised by the Chief of the Philippine Constabulary.
2. Constant watch on movements of aliens in the country by peace officers. Aliens must show identification papers on demand.

Young Nazi Gestapo In Shanghai

SHANGHAI, Apr. 17 (Reuter).—A number of German youths, mostly members of the Gestapo, arrived in Shanghai recently for political activities, according to the Chinese newspapers, "Chang Yien Pao."

The newcomers supervised the recent Japanese parachute exercises over the northern suburbs of Shanghai.

Well-informed circles agree that the parachuteists are not for service in China but elsewhere, probably in the South Seas regions, adds the newspaper.

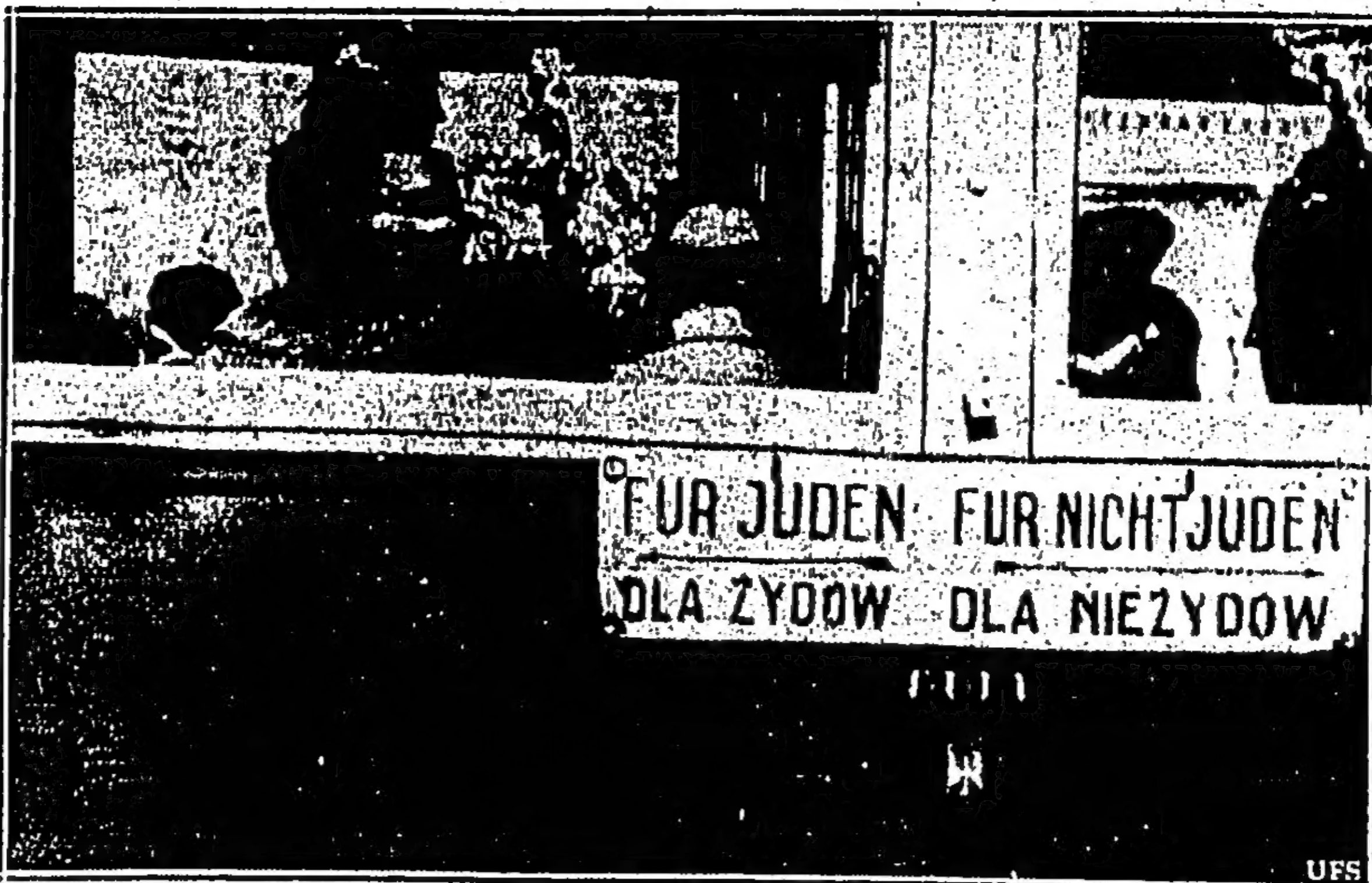
Australia Vigilant

MELBOURNE, Apr. 17 (Reuter).—The Acting Prime Minister, Mr. A. W. Fadden, stated today that Australia was vigilant of events in the Pacific after the interpretations of the Russo-Japanese Pact, and was determined to join the rest of the Empire against Axis aggression in the Pacific.

Heavy Penalties for those found guilty of violating the law—one year's imprisonment or \$500 fine, or both, at the discretion of the court.

Latest Figures
The latest available figures on the number of aliens in the Philippines show that 158,000 foreigners have taken up more or less permanent residence in the Islands. Since these figures were compiled, a number of Japanese and Germans have left the country, but these departures have been offset by the large number of alien refugees who have come to the Philippines since the European war broke out.

Chinese constitute the largest group of aliens from any one country in the Philippines. There are more than 100,000 Chinese in the Islands. Japanese take second place, with more than 29,000 in the latest official list.



JEWS RIDE SEPARATELY—Trolley car in Warsaw, Poland, divided into two sections, one for non-Jews and one for Jews only. Signs on some cars forbid Jews to ride in them at all. This picture was taken by Swiss journalist who smuggled it out of Poland into Switzerland.

Dutch May Object To Japanese Flight

By JOHN M. RALEIGH

(United Press Staff Correspondent)

BATAVIA, April 17 (UP).—The N.E.I. Government will probably refuse permission for further Japanese experimental flights over Dutch territory from Palau to Portuguese Timor.

The Japanese airline, Dai Nippon, has asked that six trial flights from Palau, Japanese mandated island in the southern Pacific, to Portuguese Timor, near northern Australia, be allowed.

Dai Nippon has effected previous flights with a large flying boat, Marakumo. The only Dutch territory flown over by the Japanese on the prescribed course is the island of Boero, northwest of Timor.

Whether the Marakumo is "escorted" over the islands is not known, but some consider it quite likely.

Dili, the capital of Portuguese Timor, has only a small community of Europeans. The economic possibilities of the toy colony are almost nil. Further, Dili is connected by air routes to the east and west by a regular Portuguese service from the settlement to the Dutch end of Timor.

Four Hours From Darwin
Portuguese Timor is only four hours flight from Port Darwin, Australia.

A Japanese ship, the Nuta Maru, has been assisting the flying boat with weather warnings by radio. Recently, Portuguese authorities protested when the vessel entered Dili harbour still transmitting information to the Marakumo on her latest trial flight. The Japanese were cautioned concerning this breach of international courtesy.

Near Dili, Japanese residents of Timor and flying-boat-ground-crows have erected a large beacon on a permanent concrete base. This is to be used in case the Marakumo should overfly Dili because of clouds, or misty weather.

Six pilots and four mechanics are stationed at Dili as reserve flyers and repairmen. Thirteen other Japanese are connected officially with the project in Timor.

Wireless Man
One Japanese, living far back in the hills from Dili, possesses a wireless transmitter, and others have long range receivers.

Wind-driven generators provide the necessary power. Australian coastwise and southern Pacific shipping signals can be picked up easily. Information can be retransmitted via the Caroline Islands, or given orally to the Marakumo's crew.

Leaving Dili, the flying boat takes on a thousand gallons of aviation gasoline for the return trip to Palau.

Pressure On Macao
Japanese authorities hope to establish a regular air service between Palau and Dili. If permission is not granted by the Portuguese, pressure is expected to be brought to bear on Macao, Portuguese colony near Hongkong, which controls the administration in Timor.

But the Japanese would still have to get Dutch permission to fly over Boero. How they intend to deal with this situation is problematical.

Film Tycoon Shirked Income Tax

New York, Apr. 17.
A Federal Jury to-day found Joseph M. Schenck, Chairman of Twentieth Century Fox Film Corporation, guilty on two counts of Federal income tax evasion. Schenck's co-defendant, Joseph H. Moscovitz, eastern representative of the company, who was charged with aiding in the alleged evasions, was found guilty on one count—United Press.

TELEVISION IN COLOUR

Mr. J. L. Baird, television pioneer, has succeeded in transmitting pictures in colour. He demonstrated his new process at his home at Sydenham, S.E., recently.

FATALITIES ON SHIPS
Two cargo coolies were killed yesterday when they fell into the holds of ships.

U.S. Schools Analyse Propaganda

By Pierre Villoro

(United Press Staff Correspondent)

NEW YORK, April 17 (UP).

Over a million pupils of 3,000 public and private schools in all parts of this country are learning how to detect propaganda in newspapers, motion pictures and on the radio. The Institute for Propaganda Analysis is teaching them.

There are no special courses. Every teacher, regardless of his subject, analyses his course for its potentialities in propaganda analysis. Teachers of English, the social sciences and home economics and psychology have been equally successful.

Teacher-kept logs show that pupils are able to think more critically in reading newspapers and magazines, or in judging the value of radio news bulletins. Strangely enough, it does not tend to make them sceptical or cynical. On the contrary, it has tended to stimulate logical reasoning, evaluation of arguments, drawing inferences and making generalizations.

The participating schools are given various types of literature prepared by the Institute to help in this work. Monthly propaganda analysis bulletins, study materials, and a "group leaders" guide to propaganda analysis" are supplied the teachers.

Courses Not Dry
Some 50 textbooks, issued within the last year or two, refer to the studies conducted by the Institute or reprint its bulletins or teaching guides. College and high school study outlines are beginning to introduce its propaganda analysis materials.

There is nothing dry about the courses. Pupils begin by judging comic strips or the sports pages of newspapers, serials or swing band programmes on the radio, and the illustrations in a popular picture magazine.

The Institute began its educational programme in October, 1937. In three and a half years it has grown to its present size.

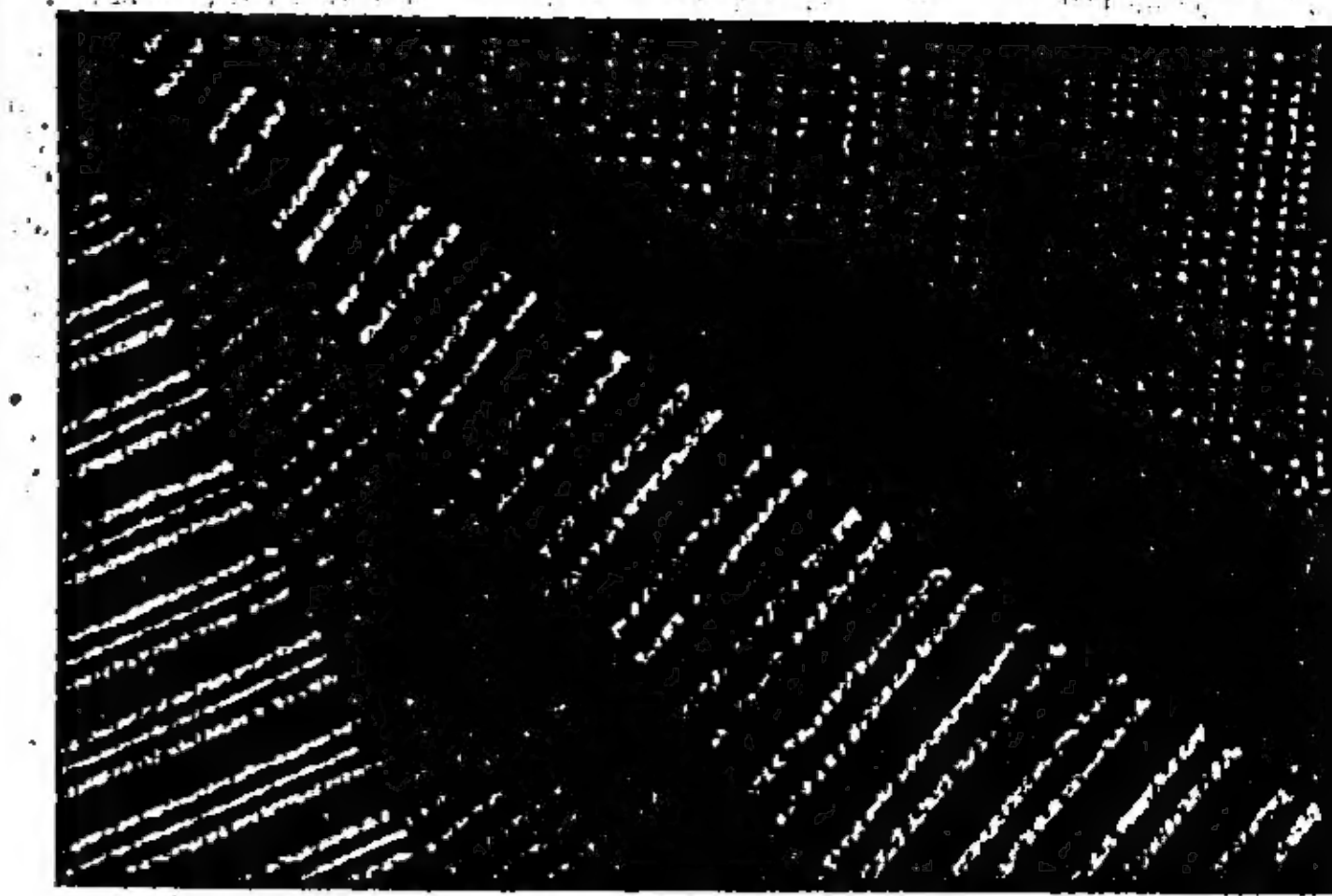
Britain's Gas War On Rabbits

LONDON, Apr. 17 (UP).—Ruthless gas war will be waged on the millions of rabbits which are costing Britain between £30,000,000 and £40,000,000 annually by the foodstuffs they eat.

Damage done by rabbits to food production is out of all proportion to their value as food, and Mr. R. S. Hudson, Minister of Agriculture, is determined to eliminate them.

"A rabbit will eat as much as a sheep, and they devour young corn and other green foods. Even before crops begin to appear, rabbits sabotage food production by the way they treat the land," it was explained.

Gassing will be the final blow at the animal after ferrets and traps have done their worst.



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Exciting Finishes During Easter Meeting

S.W. Lee Heads List Of Successful Owners

I WAS DELIGHTED to see Mr S. W. Lee heading the list of successful owners with two wins, a second and a third, because he has a string of about three dozen ponies including a couple of hacks. He has won an aggregate of \$2,550, contributed by Blue Field, Baffin Bay, West Lake and Double Finesse.

Order Of Finishes

GOOD SPORT was undoubtedly enjoyed by all the race-goers, who had certainly the full value of their money, and there were a few records broken.

The introduction of a clause practically forcing owners not to run their ponies out of distances was not only well commended, but it was instrumental in keeping the field down to those which our track could really hold.

Those "who have gone down the sink" must admit that there were not many runaway victories. The segregation of defeats shows the following results:

| | |
|--------------|--------|
| Dead Heat | 1 race |
| Short Head | 2 " |
| A Head | 1 " |
| A Neck | 3 " |
| 1/2 Length | 1 " |
| A Length | 2 " |
| 1 1/2 do | 3 " |
| 2 do | 3 " |
| 3 do | 1 " |
| 4 do | 5 " |
| 6 do | 1 " |
| Many Lengths | 1 " |
| 24 races | |

Entries And Handicaps For April 26

The following are the entries and handicaps for some of the events in the Fourth Extra Race Meeting of the Hongkong Jockey Club, which will be held at Happy Valley on Saturday, April 26, at 2 p.m.

Canterbury Park Stakes. For Australian ponies, griffins of this season. Six Furlongs.

Box 142, Green Diamond, 142; Hecate, 142; Kin's Welcome, 142; Locus Standi, 142; Misty View, 150; National Reform, 142; Odun, 142; Prairie View, 150; Rio de Decidendi, 142; Riverside, 142; Vauquard, 142.

Charters Towers Stakes. For Australian ponies, griffins of this season. One Mile.

A. Houson Time, 142; Hornpipe, 142; Iron Belle, 142; Miss Chalfont, 142; Mountain View, 150; Nominus Poens, 142; Oak, 142; Sumpsea, 142; Tropical Love, 142.

Koala Stakes. First Section. For Australian subscription ponies of 1941. One and a Quarter Miles.

Archib, 142; Bona Vacantia, 151; Boneshaker, 142; Dugle, 142; Eucalypt, 142; Luxury, 142; Seal River, 142; Seventy Six, 142; Streamlet, 142.

St. Kilda Stakes. First Section. For Australian subscription ponies of 1941. Six Furlongs.

Anzac Day, 142; Arnieber, 142; A. Ross Time, 150; Battle, 142; Beauport, 142; Bendigo, 142; Castle Hill, 142; Dignitas, 142; Gold Rod, 142; Lodestar, 142; Noddy, 142; Newborn Star, 142; Red Rabbit, 142; Rocky Beach, 142; Royal Sovereign, 150; Saratoga, 142; Snow White, 142; The Koala Bear, 152; Trade Wind, 142.

Koala Stakes. Second Section. For Australian subscription ponies of 1941. One and a Quarter Miles.

Corvette, 142; Crack Shot, 142; Double Dutch, 142; Look See, 142; Strathbyn, 142; Sumpsea, 142; Swallow, 142; Tien Tien, 142; Zadderday, 142.

St. Kilda Stakes. Second Section. For Australian subscription ponies of 1941. Six Furlongs.

A Fine Time, 142; A Just Time, 142; Angel of Glory, 142; Blue Gown, 142; Duckatell, 142; Daylight, 142; Flying Fortress, 142; Googly, 142; Harmony Star, 142; Hawaiian Love, 142; Hilly Hat, 142; Macey, 142; National Endurance, 142; Ophir, 142; Sydney Diamond, 142; Tobaccoship, 142; Too Hot, 142; Twinkling Star, 142; Vitamin M, 142; Willow, 142.

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Sapper Fails For First Time Of Its Racing Career: Jockeys Suspended And Reprimanded

WITH HEAVY CLOUDS hanging above, Mr Clerk of the Weather did not open the tap on either Saturday or Monday last with the result that there was a tremendous crowd of racegoers present on both days of the Easter Race Meeting. There were several close and exciting finishes and complimentary remarks were heard about the fine results of the handicapped events.

Outstanding feature of the Easter Carnival was the disastrous running of Mrs Grasett's Sapper in the Albury Handicap from the 1 1/2 mile post (about half mile 170 yards), and this was the first occasion that the pony's saddle-cloth number was not hoisted in the semaphore since he started his racing career in 1940.

It may, however, be interesting to know that it was also Sapper's first attempt over a short distance, and on top of this, the sailor jockey (Proulx) was put aboard at the eleventh hour because the usual pilot was suspended.

The running of the Taiwan Bay Handicap (second section) for "D" class China ponies was marred when Mr Cooper on Sylvandale was badly unseated and he escaped with slight bruises. Following the incident, permission to Mr Kwong-to to ride Sylvandale was temporarily withdrawn, but Sylvandale has gone to the happy hunting grounds.

A protest was lodged after the running of the Hongkong Bay Handicap (second section) when Messrs W. H. S. Davis and P. Y. T. Wei were asked to see the carpet in the Stewards' chamber. The former was suspended from riding for the remainder of the first half racing season and the latter was severely reprimanded.

As expected, the return of Lt-Cdr Craven to the saddle gave an easy win to Wonderful Scheme in the open event, Mrs Bay Stakes, while Mr T. M. Wood scored his first and notable success on the Hongkong Bank's Wayworth in the Colgate Stakes (second section) after graduating from the novice class.

Successful Jockeys

THE most successful jockey was Mr Peter Wei who piloted Galaxy, Longdon, Joan and Moonlight to victory, and he was trailed by Mr Donald Black with three wins on A Happy Time, Avon and Mainsail, all on the first day of the meet.

Mr Heame had also a good meeting with three successes on The Nineteenth Hole, Hole in One and Thirty Six.

Twenty-seven jockeys were led in procession to the dismounting enclosure and hereunder is a complete list of their successes.

| | 1st | 2nd | 3rd |
|-----------------|-----|-----|-----|
| P. Y. T. Wei | 4 | 3 | 1 |
| D. Black | 3 | 3 | 1 |
| H. A. Heame | 3 | 1 | 2 |
| L. B. Chao | 2 | 4 | 1 |
| H. C. Pih | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| W. Poy | 2 | - | - |
| H. S. Chang | 1 | 3 | - |
| V. V. Needa | 1 | 2 | - |
| S. W. Pan | 1 | - | 1 |
| S. W. Tang | 1 | - | 1 |
| D. H. S. Craven | 1 | - | 1 |
| W. Yul | 1 | - | - |
| S. F. Li | 1 | - | - |
| B. Proulx | 1 | - | - |
| R. M. Wood | 1 | - | - |
| W. H. S. Davis | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| Ip Kuy-ying | 1 | - | - |
| J. N. da Silva | 1 | - | - |
| S. W. Lee | 1 | - | - |
| S. C. Liang | 1 | - | 3 |
| B. L. Tao | 1 | - | 2 |
| R. K. C. Chui | 1 | - | 1 |
| E. F. Chiu | 1 | - | - |
| C. Trevelton | 1 | - | - |
| T. W. Chatley | 1 | - | - |
| Y. K. Tu | 1 | - | - |
| C. L. Gregory | 1 | - | - |
| | 25 | 23 | 24 |

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Mainsail Shows Promise For The Future

I REMEMBER saying in my notes that we had not seen the best of this season's subscription ponies from the Antipodes on account of the muddy course at the annual big meeting.

The success of Mainsail (Black) in the Caulfield Handicap over the champion course of 1 1/4 miles in record time of 2.16 was a creditable performance and the bay by Mont was full of running at the end. This pony should be watched.

Double Success For T.K. Li In Record Time

THE EASTER STAKES for China ponies was run in a record time of 1.49.3/5 for a mile, and the first two placed ponies belonged to Mr T. K. Li.

Though there were nine runners, it was in reality a battle between two stables plus because the winning owner had four racers out against three ponies owned by the Shanghai challenger.

Mr Needa had the choice of the string and he put his saddle on Oolong who beat the stablemate, Confusion Bay ridden by Mr Black, for the premier place by a head.

A short head behind came Mr Muller's Spiclight piloted by Mr Liang, and the fourth pony was Velvett with Mr L. B. Chao in the saddle. Eve of Harvest (Pih) was a good fifth.

There was no doubt that Dupont Bay (Yuen) was sent out to do the spade work, but it was strange to see Racylight (Wei) following the "amah."

However, it was the most thrilling finish of the Easter meeting and had the jockey on Spiclight come on the outside instead of

Record Bettered By Over 12 Seconds

THE HIGH SPOT on Saturday was the comfortable win of Baffin Bay (L. B. Chao) in the classic event, Brisbane Spring Handicap, over two miles in record time of 3.42 1/2, lowering Never-Never's figure by 12 1/2 seconds.

Hearty congratulations are extended to Mr S. W. Lee who purchased the winner from Mr T. K. Li before the close of entries, and this was the owner's second success of the long distance run.

It is interesting to recall that Baffin Bay was beaten last year by Mr Lee's Amicus Curiae—the winner. However, this new acquisition will no doubt provide him with a strong contender for the Cesarewitch Stakes, a handicap for all Australian ponies over two and a quarter miles to be contested at the Double Tenth Meeting.

Founder Of Slazengers Leaves £444,263

FOUNDER, with his brother, of Slazengers, Ltd., manufacturers of sports equipment, Mr. Albert Egerton L. Slazenger, of Princess Gardens, South Kensington, S.W., has left £444,263.

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Lee Wai-tong (South China) following up a shot which Bankier (The Rest) had just brilliantly saved in the final match of the League of Monday last.—England Studio.

Tournament Tennis

Tsui Brothers Easily Beat Fincher and Hung

A MOST DISAPPOINTING GAME of tennis was witnessed on the Hongkong Cricket Club ground yesterday evening when the Tsui brothers entered the semi-final of the Colony Doubles Championship at the expense of E. C. Fincher and W. C. Hung.

The score was 6-2, 6-4 and was at one time 6-2, 5-0.

The Tsui brothers played an accurate and hard game, which would no doubt have been a pleasure to watch had the opposition been able to sustain the rallies. As it happened the match occupied only about half an hour.

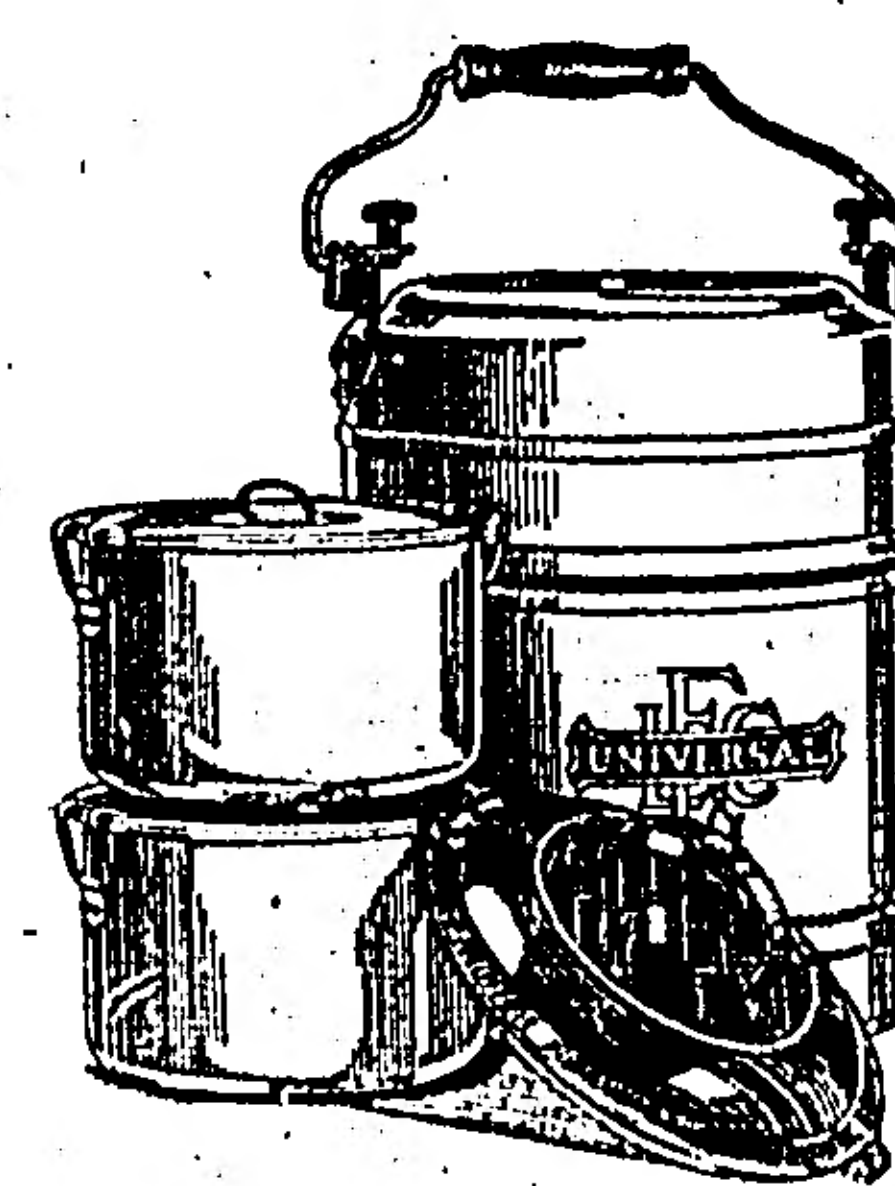
Though the losers were scarcely extended by Kong and Fung in the previous round, they themselves scarcely extended the Tsuis. The elder brother brought off some grand overhead smashes. The younger brother bore at least his share of the game and acquitted himself well in all departments of the game.

Fincher and Hung failed to strike a winning patch at any time, though they sparked occasionally in the four games before Tsuis clinched the issue by winning the tenth game.

To-day's Match

At the mention of Tsui Yan-pui and H. D. Rumhan, one recalls their "great" match of two years ago when twice they essayed to play their five-set semi-final and twice the game had to be abandoned through bad light, with the scores two sets all.

To-day on the Stand Court, these two meet again and in the semi-finals of the Colony Open Singles Tennis Championship, and the match, it is hoped, will commence at 4.30 p.m.



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Self-Sufficiency Object Of Eastern Supply Council

BY HAROLD GUARD
United Press Staff Correspondent

SINGAPORE, April 18 (UP).—Following the Delhi Conference, Malaya is to have its own Department of Supply to supervise Malaya's contribution to the direction of the war effort by the Eastern Group Supply Council, the composition of which is virtually complete, according to Sir Shenton Thomas, Governor of the Straits Settlements.

The working of this Council is expected to have a rapid effect upon the war efforts of the participating countries which include Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, the seven East African territories, Burma, Ceylon, Malaya, Hongkong and Palestine, while the recent departure of a delegation from the Netherlands Indies to Australia is authoritatively admitted to be the forerunner of the Indies' inclusion in the bloc.

"The Council has to be ready to extend its operations to the Indies at a moment's notice," a high ranking Australian delegate asserted in Singapore recently.

The same source said the achievement of self-sufficiency within the Group is the primary object of the Council, including the supply from within the Group of the most essential war materials, the supply from within the Group of all equipment of which the theatres of war are in most urgent need and the supply of civil needs within the Group in order to economise shipping.

Air Convoys

The apparent threat to Singapore and the Netherlands Indies, as well as the risks in the shipping lanes serving the Group, are causing complications in the Council's work and, according to authoritative comment, "special arrangements will have to be made to meet them," a contingency which provides reasonable explanation for the recent arrival in Malaya of long-distance reconnaissance and bombing planes and flying boats which, as proved in England, provide an effective supplement to, or even a substitute for, naval convoy units.

According to official comments, the influence of Australia or the Council is likely to be preponderant. Australia to-day is said to possess the most complete manufacturing supply programme within the Group, carrying on the vital provisioning role which in many instances has had to be vacated by Great Britain.

America A Factor

The inclusion of the Netherlands Indies, however, would present a different aspect. The Indies' special ties with the United States, whence

they obtain most of their equipment, will form one of the most important factors of the situation, indirectly placing American supplies at the disposal of the Group.

In addition, according to authoritative Australian sources, the United States has decisively influenced Australia's industrial programme since the outbreak of war. War planes are being produced on American designs, under licence to American factories, while the achievements of the Australian Ministry of Munitions in the past year have been largely dependent on the supply of material, technicians and blue prints from the United States.

In effect, America's vast resources will be at the disposal of the Eastern Group Supply Council which, authoritative quarters assert, forms the beginning of a powerful economic and industrial bloc covering the Western and Southern Pacific and the Indian Ocean in a concerted effort for mutual welfare and advantage in overcoming the totalitarian threat to free and equal government.

PAID IN FULL

By hiding his real age a Royal Engineer officer with a distinguished career in the last war got back to his regiment at the beginning of the war and was sent to France.

Then the War Office, going through old records, found that the officer had been over-paid £35 in the last war. They demanded a refund.

Later, they reconsidered this decision and a notification was sent that they would not proceed with the claim.

But the old officer had already paid in full, it was revealed recently. He was killed at Dunkirk.

Millionaire Baronet Fined

SIR JOHN MACTAGGART, baronet, of Park-lane, W., a Scottish millionaire, pleaded guilty at Bow-street recently to selling £8,300 securities in New York without Treasury authority.

It was stated that as the result of his action Britain lost the use of about 37,000 dollars.

Sir John, who was described as managing director of the Western Heritable Investment Company, Limited, was fined £10 and five guineas costs on each of four summonses.

Apartment House

Mr H. A. K. Morgan, prosecuting, said that in 1935 Sir John bought a site in New York to build an apartment house, but the development was delayed.

Instead of registering American securities with the Bank of England, he sold them in New York to bolster up the building speculation.

The money was insufficient. Later his son asked the Treasury for permission to send out 100,000 dollars.

When the Treasury asked for particulars and breaches of the regulations were disclosed Sir John gave all the information in his power.

For the defence it was stated there had never been a suggestion of improper motive.

By Ernie Bushmiller



PLANES TO PACIFIC—General George C. Marshall, left, U.S. Chief of Staff, confers with Senator Morris Sheppard, chairman of the Senate Military Affairs Committee. The General asserted that the U.S. was speeding war planes to the Pacific to strengthen air power there. He would not state the number of planes.

RAF MAN OPERATED ON HIMSELF WITH SCREWDRIVER

A PEEP at the work the R.A.F. has been doing in Abyssinia is given in a recent Air Ministry honours list.

From Middle East headquarters it is announced that Pilot-Officer Reginald Alan Collis, who gets the D.F.C., volunteered to fly a single-engine plane carrying a representative of Emperor Haile Selassie to confer with rebel chieftains.

Collis had to fly over mountainous country while also carrying an Army officer, an observer and heavy essential stores. Despite this load he managed to land in extremely difficult country 8,000 feet above sea level.

After the conference he found he could not take off from the rough ground. So he stayed in Abyssinia for two nights, while a runway was built, though enemy fighters were in the neighbourhood.

Abyssinia Flight

Collis, it is stated, has made many long and arduous raids into enemy territory, including a 200-mile flight into Abyssinia, in a bid to drop supplies for rebel forces. He also led a formation of three planes which succeeded in dropping ammunition and money.

Award No. 2 of the D.F.C. goes to Flight Lieutenant Graham D. Jones, who bombed Valona when other aircraft had to turn back because of icing, and who later low-level attacked ground forces during a blinding snowstorm.

No. 3 air hero is Sergeant Alfred K. Murrel, who, wounded in the knee during a dive-bombing attack on the Metemma area, took out the shell splinter with a screwdriver. Then he found he could not operate the fire extinguisher, and tackled flames in his plane with his hands.

The pilot signalled him to bale out, but he stuck at it, fighting the fire till the pilot managed to force-land. Then the fire was put out with water and the warplane flown back to its base.

Torn From Parent To Parent

ONE of the most tragic stories of modern marriage ended in New York recently.

A year ago Mr and Mrs Long lived happily together with their little daughter Jacqueline. Then they parted. Their home was broken up—but each parent wanted Jacqueline.

Mother A Crooner

Her parent fought, literally, for her possession.

Crying pitifully "I want to go to daddy," Jacqueline leaped into her father's arms. Then she was torn from parent to parent. This terrible fight for a child, in which the bitter hatred of the parents appalled the onlookers, took place outside the courthouse where they were fighting another battle, at law, for her custody.

The mother, a jazz crooner, kept the child. She placed Jacqueline in the Sacred Heart Villa, while she went on singing and preparing for the legal battle with her husband.

Now Jacqueline is dead. The doctors, who do not admit the phrase "broken heart" as a medical term, said that she died of a "nervous disease."

Both parents were at the graveside when Jacqueline was buried. They refused to look at each other even across the coffin of their dead daughter.

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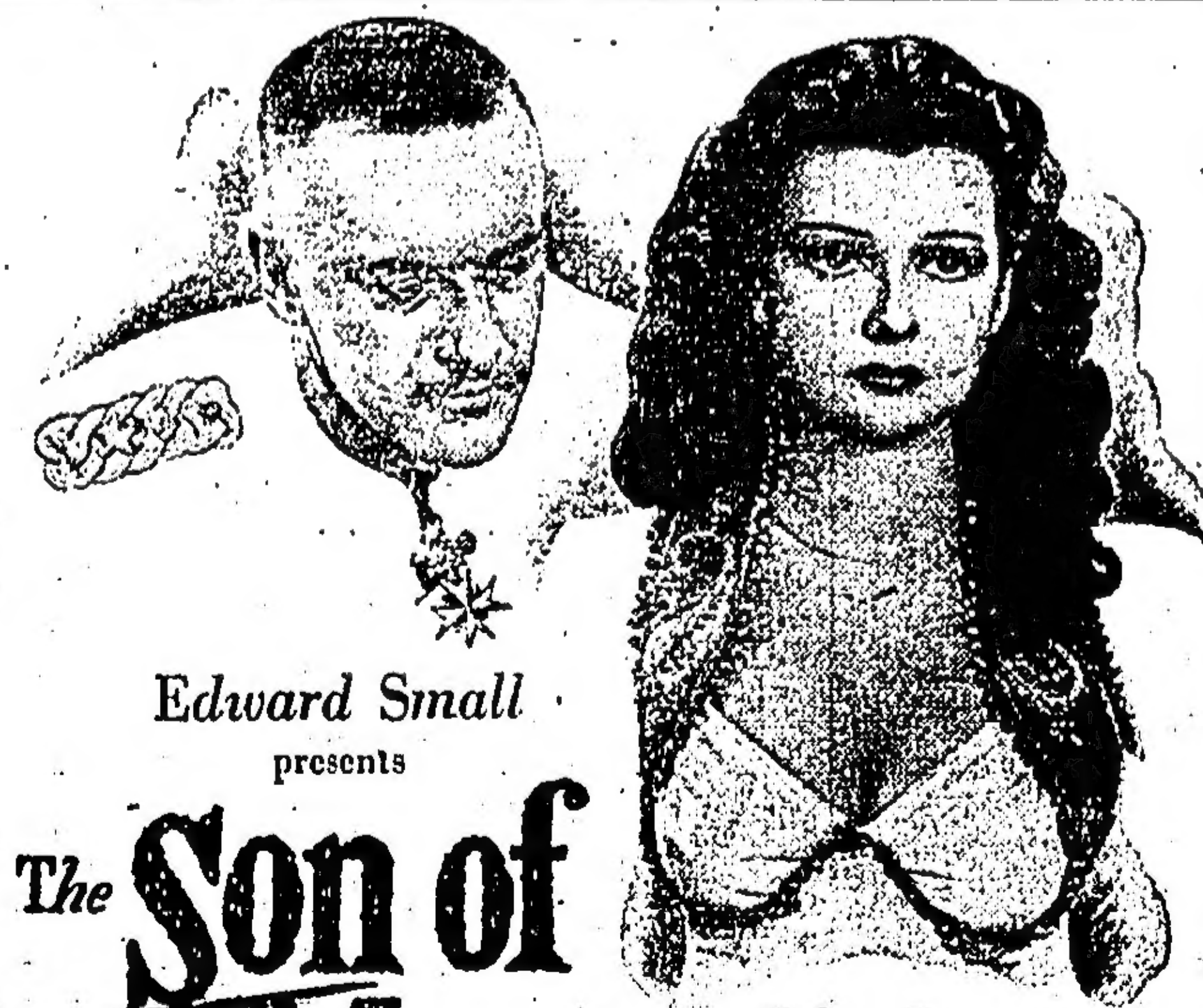
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BITTER FIGHTING IN GREECE, BUT ALLIED LINES REMAIN INTACT

Special to the "Telegraph"

ATHENS, Apr. 17 (UP).—It was authoritatively stated in British circles this evening that the Germans, "despite their furious onslaughts have not succeeded in breaking through the British Imperial line." It was declared that five German planes had been shot down.

The afternoon newspaper "Ethonos" stated: "Fierce fighting is going on along the whole front, especially in the Gevena and Kalambaka sectors. According to reliable information the battle for Greece has not yet been decided."

5-Hour Raid On Bremen

R.A.F. Roars Into New Action

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, Apr. 17 (UP).—The Air Ministry announces that the attack on Bremen last night lasted over five hours, and was concentrated on the shipbuilding yards and industrial centres on the right bank of the Weiser River.

Brest was also attacked by Coastal Command bombers. Wilhelmshaven, Cuxhaven and Westermunde were also attacked.

British Blenheims attacked Heligoland yesterday and Blenheim fighters raided the aerodrome at Breck Sumer.

One bomber and three fighters of the Coastal Command are missing.

Shot Down Over U.K. Raid-Free Day

LONDON, Apr. 17 (Reuter).—Six enemy raiders were shot down last night in the raid on London, it is now learned.

An Air Ministry communique states that three were destroyed by fighters and three by anti-aircraft fire. Two enemy aircraft were shot down into the Straits of Dover this morning by fighters and it is now known that one enemy fighter was destroyed over the French coast yesterday.

There was no enemy activity over Britain to-day apart from the dropping of bombs on a town in northeast Scotland by single aircraft. Damage was small but some persons were killed.

Over Northeast

LONDON, Apr. 17 (Reuter).—German aeroplanes were reported over a town in northeast England to-night.

The raiders, which crossed the west coast, scattered bombs in the rural districts.

A procession of German planes raided an area in south England. The attack began soon after dark and was still in progress some hours later.

Wednesday's Blitz On London Described

(By "Reuter's" Air Correspondent)

LONDON, Apr. 17.—Wednesday night's raid on Greater London, described by the Nazi High Command as a reprisal for the R.A.F.'s hammering of Berlin on April 9, was of a character that might be expected to precede a Nazi invasion.

Tons of high explosives were dropped not only in the metropolis itself but also in the outer suburbs, particularly those to the southeast where it was caught in the heaviest and most intense blitz this area has

Reports from the front state that very fierce fighting is going on at the entrance to Sarandporon Pass in the vicinity of Serbia, where the Australians have inflicted heavy losses on the enemy.

The Germans are also putting very hard pressure on the coast road region at Katerini, but have not succeeded in breaking the defences despite repeated thrusts by tanks.

Recent arrivals here say the luftwaffe is extremely active.

UNCEASING ATTACKS BY R.A.F.

Play Notable Part In Battle For Greece

CAIRO, Apr. 17 (Reuter).—Unceasing attacks on enemy supply columns in Greece were carried out by the R.A.F. on Wednesday and the previous night, states a communique.

Much damage was caused. Kozani, Bitoli and Ploemias were the main areas attacked.

Railway near Korinos, motor transport near Kitros and a station southeast of Katerini were successfully bombed.

Fires were started at an aerodrome and a convoy east of Salonika was heavily raided. A large formation of enemy aircraft which attacked shipping in Khalkis Harbour on Wednesday were engaged by fighters which shot down one Junkers twin-engined dive-bomber while another was destroyed by A.A. fire.

The R.A.F. lost four aircraft in widespread operations in Greece and Libya on Wednesday and on Tuesday night.

Enemy aircraft raided the aerodrome of Heraklion on Tuesday but negligible damage resulted and one aircraft was shot down, the pilot being captured.

U.S.-Canadian Defence

MONTREAL, Apr. 17 (Reuter).—The completion of plans for the military and naval defence of the eastern and western coasts of Canada and the United States is announced by the Canada-United States Joint Permanent Defence Board.

"The Board will from now on devote itself to keeping the plans up to meet changing conditions," said the announcement.

Bitter Fighting

ATHENS, Apr. 17 (Reuter).—Bitter fighting is raging in Northern Greece, where the German mechanised hordes are hurling themselves furiously against the Anglo-Greek line.

But the latest reports are to the effect that the line, although subjected to heavy pressure, still holds.

Australian troops are heavily engaged around the town of Serbia, which is on the road from Kozani to Larissa, a few miles west of Mount Olympus, the right pivot of the Allied line.

They are said to be giving the Germans a good hammering.

The fiercest struggle, however, is in progress some 30 miles southwest of Serbia, where the line bends towards Kalambaka, to which point last night a Berlin communique said that the Germans were advancing.

Quoting news just received from the front, the Athens radio to-night said: "The right flank of the Allied front from Katerini (On the Gulf of Salonika) to Serbia is withstanding violent attacks by the German forces and is continually repulsing them with heavy losses in this area. One British armoured company alone brought down five German aircraft this afternoon by machine-gun fire."

It also announced that on the left of the Allied armies, our troops are resisting steadfastly and the enemy has, at no point, gained any ground.

Serious Phase

Earlier the Greek Press Ministry had issued a statement that the battle between the Germans and the British forces had extended all along the front and had entered on a most serious phase. The Germans had thrown the whole of their weight against the Allied forces and were suffering tremendous casualties.

The statement added that German pressure was being concentrated upon three points—at Gevena (north of Kalambaka), south of the Hellakmon River, and west of Kozani.

The aim of the German column attacking the first region is the capture of Kalambaka.

The fighting, the statement continues, is equally violent in the Kozani area and on the old Albanian front.

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Stabilising Currency

U. S. Aid For China

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Apr. 17 (UP).—A high Treasury source to-day disclosed that the currency stabilisation agreement between China and America will be signed not later than next Wednesday.

It is asserted that Mr. T. V. Soong and Mr. Henry Morgenthau, Secretary of the Treasury, will sign the agreement and that a formal announcement regarding it might be issued to-day.

The agreement was reached last December, and provided that the Treasury Department would allocate \$50,000,000 for the stabilisation of the Chinese currency. It was stated that the agreement was a necessary condition for the United States to revive its

Camera Records Famed Incident

When youths removed the Swastika emblem from a German Consulate in San Francisco recently, Berlin furiously protested to Washington and two sailors were turned over to Navy officials by the police in connection with the episode. This remarkable photograph was taken as the Swastika was being hauled down. It shows one of the youths clinging precariously to the flag pole as he pulls down the flag.



KING GEORGE V A MIGHTY WARSHIP

("Reuter's" Correspondent on H.M.S. King George V)
April 17.—As the first journalist to be allowed aboard Britain's latest and greatest battleship, I am able to describe some special features of what is probably the mightiest instrument of war yet created by man.

Nowhere is there concentrated such effective steel protection against bombs, shells, torpedoes and mines and so many colossal guns.

It takes more than a day to examine this floating fortress, carrying every kind of hush-hush device, including one which might be called Churchill's "secret weapon," about which I can say no more than that it was inspired by him when he was at the Admiralty.

The first thing to be noticed on ascending the gangway is the astonishing thickness of the armour plate, unofficially estimated at 16 inches. On setting foot on board the deck, one is confronted with one of the colossal quadruple 14-inch gun-turrets outwardly as big as an ordinary bungalow.

Altogether there are ten monstrous 14-inch guns as well as rows of 5.25-inch high-angle guns along both sides of the ships—16 in all—and on a higher level are multiple pom-poms.

An air attack against K.G.V., as the vessel is known in the Navy, would definitely be a job for a suicide squad.

Incidentally, the fire control instruments, the last word in this branch of war science, are said to have accounted for more than 2,200,000 of the battleship's total cost.

Should the bridge be put out of action by a bomb or shell, the K.G.V. could still carry on as there are at least four positions in various parts of the ship from which control could continue.

Internally the most striking feature is the elaborate sub-divisioning by means of water-tight bulk-heads, making the ship virtually unsinkable.

A telephone exchange is linked with 1,200 phones in all parts of the ship while upwards of 60,000 electric lights make the interior as bright and cheerful as is possible in a warship.

Of the hundreds of features which strike one during a tour of the warship which are worthy of remark, not the least are those which contribute to the comfort of the crew. Every conceivable modern device which can be fitted in a warship is introduced into the body of the living and recreational quarters.

PLANES DOWNED

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Apr. 17 (UP).—It is officially announced that two enemy fighters were shot down over the Straits of Dover this morning.

Navy And Air Force Give Nazis A Rough Time In Cirenaica

Special to the "Telegraph"

LONDON, Apr. 17 (UP).—The Admiralty to-day announced, "The Commander reports that an extremely successful naval bombardment of Fort Capuzzo at Bardia has been carried out. A large number of salvoes were fired and all were seen to have burst among a concentration of about 100 enemy tanks and motor transport vehicles.

Belgrade's Torment

Defenceless City

(BY "REUTER" IN YUGO-SLAVIA)
April 17.—The death toll resulting from the German air force's raids on Belgrade may reach 12,000, according to estimates of observers who saw the horrors.

Men who saw Rotterdam and Warsaw laid to ruins say that the onslaught on Belgrade was even more severe. After the first raid, I counted 200 dead alone on the main boulevard in the Terazije district in the centre of Belgrade.

The city was wholly unprepared for this attack. A few miserable shelters were the only air-raid precautions in being. Fires could not be fought because of lack of water.

Food and fuel soon became exhausted.

Barracks Hit

Two shelters received direct hits from the first bombs. Three hundred were mown down in one barracks.

The War Office, the Prime Minister's office and most other ministries had gone up in flames by noon of the first day.

Belgrade's leading hotel, the Serbikal, was razed. The German, American and Greek Legations were destroyed.

Some hundred German planes attacked Belgrade in the first raids. Dive-bombers swooped down to 500 feet to drop bombs. Citizens of Belgrade standing in the streets seemed unable to grasp that war was already upon them. It was nothing less than massacre.

After a further day and night of bombing, Belgrade presented a picture of one vast inferno confined within an angle formed by the intersection of the Sava and Danube Rivers.

Fighters Downed 18

Serbian fighter pilots shot down 18 German bombers over Belgrade alone. In the absence of anti-aircraft guns, soldiers fired at the raiders with rifles.

As I left the city, I met Serb troops who had received the first shock of the German advance.

The initial German armoured drive cost the Germans 200 tanks out of a force of 700.

Everywhere the behaviour of the civilian population was heroic.

FRENCH COAST ATTACKED

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, Apr. 17 (UP).—The R.A.F. heavily attacked the French coast this afternoon. The explosion of heavy bombs rumbled across the Straits shaking buildings along the Kent coast line.

American Tax-Payers Must Dig Deeper

WASHINGTON, Apr. 17 (Reuter).—United States tax payers are to be asked to pay \$3,500,000,000 more dollars next year.

The Secretary to the Treasury, Mr. Henry Morgenthau, announced that the Administration was asking for this amount of new taxes, that figure, he added, was based on the basis of the current estimate of the Government's requirements for the fiscal year ending July 1, 1942, at \$10,000,000,000.

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12.15 p.m. Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 Tidworth Talk—1934.

Musical Bands of the Southern Command.

12.48 Songs by Raymond Newell (Lancashire).

1.00 Local Time Signal.

1.01 Variety with Dobby Breen, Conita Boswell and the Western Brothers.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press and Announcements.

1.45 A "Swing" Programme.

2.15 Close Down.

5.45 Indian Programme.

6.30 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 Songs by Georges Thill.

Nuit d'Espagne (Massenet); Ouvre ton Cœur (Bizet); Le Cid, act III, Massenet; ... with Orchestra.

6.43 Bellies—Sylvia Ballet.

Prelude—The Huntresses—Intermezzo—Valse Lento—Pizzicato—Procession of Bacchus; ... Symphony Orchestra cond. by John Barbirolli.

7.00 London Relay—The News.

7.15 London Relay—Talk—O. M. Green's Newsletter.

7.30 Light Spanish Programme with La Argentina, Emil de Gogorza, and Conchita Supervia.

Cancion del Fajal (Sartorio); Cantata (Turino); Conchita Supervia (Mezzo-Soprano); La Corrida (Vai-vorde); Serenata (Malata); ... La Argentina (Castanets solo with Orchestra); La Sevillana (Yradier); El Relicario (Padilla); ... Emilio de Gogorza (Baritone); Spanish Dance No. 1 (Granados); ... New Light Symphony Orchestra; Lamento Borinense (R. Hernandez); ... Conchita Supervia (Mezzo-Soprano).

8.00 Local Time Signal and Announcements.

8.02 Louis Levy and His Gaumont British Symphony.

8.27 Piano Duets with Rawley and Landauer.

8.39 Max Miller in the Theatre Again.

Recorded during the actual performance at the Holborn Empire, London.

9.00 London Relay—The News.

9.15 London Relay—"Questions of the Hour".

9.30 Request Variety Programme.

The Mocking Fairy (Becky); ... Elsie Suddaby (Soprano); Bal Masque (Fletcher); ... Light Symphony Orchestra; Love Mado The Song ("Careless Rapture"); ... Sybil Crawley and Eric Starling with Dr. Lan Theatre Orchestra; Around the Danube (Charrosin); ... Albert Sandler and his Orchestra; I'm Just Wild About Harry (Film Babes in Arms); ... Judy Garland; With Eric Coates Three London; Intro: Knightsbridge; At the Dance (Summer Days); Bird Songs; at Evening; Three Bears; Covent Garden; Wood Nymphs; I Pitch my Lonely Caravan; London Bridge; ... Quentin M. Maclean (Organ Solo); Dinah (Lewis and others); ... The Boswell Sisters. (Vocal trio with guitar); Alexander's Ragtime Band (Film "Alexander's Ragtime Band"); ... The Boswell Sisters (trio with guitar).

9.45 News in French. (On Short Wave Only).

10.00 London Relay—"Correspondence Column" by Sidney Horriblow.

10.15 Request Dance Programme.

Fox-Trot—With the Wind and the Rain in your Hair; ... Bob Chester and His Orchestra; Fox-Trot—I Haven't Time to be a Millionaire; ... Tommy Dorsey and His Orchestra; Slow Fox-Trot—The Japanese Sandman; ... Joe Daniels and His Hot Shots; Havana Novelty Orchestra; Slow Fox-Trot—I Hear a Dream Why Couldn't it Last; ... Oscar Babin and his Band; Fox-Trot—Ida; ... Ken "Snakecharmer" Johnson and his West Indian Orchestra; Quick Step—Mighty Sam-Halfway; ... Billy Cotton and his Band; Fox-Trot—The Breeze and I; ... Sydney Lipton and his Grosvenor House Dance Orchestra; Fox-Trot—Where the Blue Begins; ... New Mayfair Dance Orchestra; Fox-Trot—Ole King Cole Swannee; ... Teddy Foster and his Kings of Swing; Fox-Trot—Across the Great Divide; ... Maurice Winnick and his Orchestra; Waltz—Mammy's Lullaby; ... The Green Brothers' Maritime Band.

11.00 Close Down.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the 52nd Ordinary Annual Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the offices of the Company, Exchange Building, Des Voeux Road, Victoria, Hong Kong, on Tuesday, the 22nd day of April, 1941, at 11.30 o'clock a.m. for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ended 31st December, 1940.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, the 9th April, 1941, to TUESDAY, the 22nd April, 1941, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

R. TAYLOR,

Manager and Secretary.
Hong Kong, 25th March, 1941.

ST. STEPHEN'S COLLEGE, STANLEY

The Middle School and the Preparatory School will re-open on April 21, 1941.

Entrance Examination for New Students on Saturday, April 19th, at 9 a.m.

For Prospectus for Boarders and Day-boys apply to Fung Man Sui, Esq., or Chan Pak Luk Esq., Messrs Harry Wickling, Prince's Building. (Tel. 30241) or to ST. STEPHEN'S COLLEGE, STANLEY.

NOTICE

DEFENCE REGULATIONS 1940

The following rates will be charged for mailing single copies of the following newspapers abroad:—

South China Morning Post

China and Macao
18 cents per copy

British Empire and Foreign

25 cents per copy

The Hongkong Telegraph

China and Macao
14 cents per copy

16 cents Saturdays

British and Foreign

20 cents per copy

25 cents Saturdays.

Tsinghua University Gathering

In celebration of the 30th anniversary of the founding of their Alma Mater, the alumni of the National Tsinghua University in Hongkong have decided to hold a dinner dance in the Rose Room of the Peninsula Hotel, on April 27.

A number of prominent people, including Dr. Paul Monroe, professor of the Teacher's College, Columbia University, U.S.A., Dr. Monlin Chiang, member of the Executive Council of the Southwest Associated University, Yunnan, Dr. J. Leighton Stuart, President of the Yenching University, Peking, Dr. Y. T. Tsao, former President of the Tsinghua University, Dr. W. Y. Yen, former Chinese Ambassador to Soviet Russia, Mr. A. F. Southward, American Consul-General in Hongkong and Mr. D. J. Sloss, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Hongkong, will be invited.

Thai-Indo-China Settlement

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".
VICHY, Apr. 17 (UP).—It is understood that after the arrival of the new Japanese Ambassador, Mr. Sotomatsu Kato, who is now enroute from Tokyo via Moscow, the Japanese will try to eliminate the difficulties which are preventing the French signature to the Thai-Indo-China accord.

The French are demanding the immediate payment of indemnity for the railway and other installations in the ceded portions of Laos and Cambodia.

Japanese Capture Shaoshing

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".
SHANGHAI, Apr. 18 (UP).—The Japanese army organ, "Sin Shun Pao", to-day reported that Japanese troops, under cover of naval and aerial bombardment, yesterday captured Shaoshing, the famous wine-producing centre in Chekiang Province.

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African Struggle

Tobruk Not Isolated Raids On Tripoli

CAIRO, Apr. 17 (Reuter).—The successful British operations in Tobruk on Wednesday, when an Italian position was penetrated, cannot be taken as a major engagement.

At the same time, it is pointed out that the latest Italian defeat, coming on the morrow of the repulse of the German attack, flatly disposes of the Axis claim that Tobruk is isolated.

There is no further information about the mission of the Duke of Aosta's envoy to the British in Abyssinia.

Tripoli Posted

CAIRO, Apr. 17 (Reuter).—The R.A.F. and Fleet Air Arm carried out a heavy raid on Wednesday night on Tripoli, the main base of the Italo-German force in Libya.

Shipping and harbour installations were the chief objectives. One medium-sized tanker was hit and the vessel burned fiercely for over an hour. There were many near misses to other shipping.

Vessels anchored outside the harbour were attacked.

Several direct hits were scored on the Spanish mole and a big fire was started at the town end. Searchlight positions were also machine-gunned.

All British aircraft returned safely.

Entries And Handicaps For April 26

The following are the entries and handicaps for some of the events in the Fourth Extra Race Meeting of the Hongkong Jockey Club, which will be held at Happy Valley on Saturday, April 26, at 2 p.m.

Canterbury Park Stakes. For Australian ponies, griffins of this season. 12 furlongs.

Amusement Tax, 140; Canberra, 142; Gay Fox, 142; Green Diamond, 142; Hasegawa, 142; Kings Wicket, 142; Lotus Stand, 142; Main View, 150; National Reform, 142; Odin, 142; Prairie View, 150; Ratio Decidendi, 142; Riverside, 142; Vanguard, 142.

Charles Towers Stakes. For Australian ponies, griffins of this season. One mile. 12 furlongs.

A. Blotson, 142; Hornpipe, 142; Iron Belle, 144; Miss Chalfont, 142; Mountain View, 150; Nominia Pooner, 142; Ozark, 142; Suburban, 142; Tropical Love, 142; Roala Stakes. First Section. For Australian subscription ponies of 1941. One and a quarter miles.

Archibut, 142; Bona Vacantia, 151; Bonessier, 142; Bugle, 150; Calino, 142; Duxbury, 142; Satchel, 142; Seventy Six, 142; Strimmet, 142.

82 Kilda Stakes. First Section. For Australian subscription ponies of 1941. Six furlongs.

Anzac Day, 147; Arncliffe, 142; A. Roxy Time, 150; Beaufort, 142; Bendigo, 148; Castle Hill, 142; Dignitas, 142; Gold Red, 142; Loderstar, 142; National Newmarket, 142; Noddy, 142; Red Rabbit, 142; Rocky Beach, 142; Royal Sovereign, 150; Saratoga, 142; Snow White, 142; The Koala Bear, 152; Trade Wind, 142.

Roala Stakes. Second Section. For Australian subscription ponies of 1941. Six furlongs.

A Fine Time, 142; A Just Time, 142; Angel of Glory, 142; Blue Gown, 142; Buckfastleigh, 142; Daylight, 142; Flying Fortress, 142; Googly, 142; Harmony Star, 142; Harrier, 142; High Jump, 142; Macy, 142; National Endurance, 142; Ophir, 142; Sydney Diamond, 142; Tobaccoshop, 142; Too Hot, 142; Twinkling Star, 142; Vitamin M, 142; Willow, 142.

MacDonald In Canada

Canucks Will Beat Hitler Up Somewhere

OTTAWA, Apr. 17 (Reuter).—"If Canadians do not get a chance to beat Hitler up in Britain, they will no doubt in due course go and beat him up somewhere else," said Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, the new British High Commissioner to Canada, addressing the Canadian Club here to-day.

Nothing, he said had so touched the people of Britain as the spontaneous way in which distant Dominions sprang instantly to the side of the Motherland.

Mr. MacDonald described the war as "in sole truth a combat fateful for mankind between good and evil."

Referring to the Nazi persecution of Poles, he added that not for centuries had such arrogant and degrading cruelty which the Germans had inflicted upon the Poles been practised by a powerful nation.

Roosevelt Enjoys Confidence Of People

NEW YORK, Apr. 17 (Reuter).—President Roosevelt's popularity in the United States has reached its highest level, according to results shown by the latest nationwide Gallup Poll.

No less than 78 per cent. of the voters expressed full confidence in the President while only 27 per cent. disapproved.

Quo Tai-chi Leaves

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".
LONDON, Apr. 17 (UP).—The former Chinese Ambassador, Mr. Quo Tai-chi, left by plane to-day for Chungking via New York.

Exchange At A Glance

| SELLING | |
|------------------|---------|
| T.T. London | 1/2 3/4 |
| Demand London | 1/2 3/4 |
| T.T. Shanghai | 45 1/2 |
| T.T. Singapore | 52 1/2 |
| T.T. Japan | 102 1/2 |
| T.T. India | 82 1/2 |
| T.T. U.S.A. | 24 1/2 |
| T.T. Manila | 48 1/2 |
| T.T. Batavia | 40 1/2 |
| T.T. Bangkok | 140 1/2 |
| T.T. Saigon | 104 1/2 |
| T.T. France | 102 1/2 |
| T.T. Switzerland | 102 1/2 |
| T.T. Australia | 1/0 3/4 |

| BUYING | |
|---------------------------|----------|
| 4 m/s L/C London | 1/3 1/4 |
| 4 m/s D/P London | 1/3 1/4 |
| 4 m/s L/C U.S.A. | 25 |
| 4 m/s France | 84 1/2 |
| 30 d/s India | 84 1/2 |
| U.S. Cross rate in London | 4.02 1/2 |
| U.S. Cross rate in N.Y. | 4.01 |

H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning.

| BANKS | |
|-------------------|-----------|
| H.K. Banks | 1,350 s. |
| H.K. Banks (H.K.) | 75 n. |
| H.K. Banks (H.K.) | 75 n. |
| Chungking & B. 2 | 21 1/2 n. |
| Mercantile C. 2 | 10 1/2 n. |
| East Asia | 70 b. |

| INSURANCES | |
|--------------------|------------|
| Cantons | 222 1/2 n. |
| Union | 430 s. |
| China Underwriters | 1 n. |
| H.K. Fire | 187 n. |

| SHIPPING | |
|---------------------|------------|
| Douglas | 135 n. |
| Steamboats | 8 1/2 n. |
| Indo-China P. | 60 b. |
| Indo-China D. | 60 n. |
| Shell (Bearers) s/- | 41 7/16 n. |
| Waterboats s.x.d. | 6.55 n. |

| DOCKS ETC. | |
|----------------|-----------|
| Wharves s/- | 85 1/2 b. |
| Docks | 10 n. |
| Providents | 5.10 sa. |
| Shai Dockyards | 24 1/2 n. |

| MINING | |
|------------|---------------|
| Kailan s/- | 15/- |
| Rauba | 8 n. |
| H.K. Mines | 1 1/4 cts. n. |

| LANDS | |
|---------------------|-----------|
| Hotels s.x.d. | 3 n. |
| Lands | 33 sa. |
| Lands 4% Debentures | 97 1/2 n. |
| Shai Lands Sh. | 12.10 n. |
| Humphreys | 0.80 b. |
| H.K. Realities | 3.10 n. |
| Chinese Estates | 99 n. |

| UTILITIES | |
|-----------------------------|-------------|
| Trams | 16 1/4 n. |
| Peaks Trams (old) | 7 1/4 n. |
| Peak Trams (new) | 3 1/2 n. |
| Star Ferries | 62 n. |
| Y. Ferries | 23 1/4 n. |
| China Lights (old) | 6 b. & sa. |
| China Lights (new) | 1.70 n. |
| Light Rts. | 50 cts. sa. |
| H.K. Electric (old) x. rts. | 20.20 n. |
| H.K. Electric (new) | 23 1/4 n. |
| H.K. Electric Rts. | 23 1/4 n. |
| Macao Electric (old) | 18 1/2 n. |
| Macao Electric (new) | 17 1/4 n. |
| Sandakan Lights | 12 n. |
| Telephones (old) | 23 1/4 n. |
| Telephones (new) | 9 1/4 n. |

| INDUSTRIALS | |
|---------------------|-----------|
| Cald. Macg. (Ord.) | Sh. 30 n. |
| Cald. Macg. (Pref.) | Sh. 25 n. |
| Canton Ice | 1 n. |
| Coment | 16 n. |
| H.K. Ropes | 7 sa. |

| STORES, &c. | |
|----------------|-----------|
| Dairy Forms | 17 1/2 n. |
| Watsons | 9 1/2 n. |
| Lane Crawford | 7 1/2 n. |
| Sinceres | 2.15 n. |
| Wing On (H.K.) | 30 n. |
| Powell Ltd. | 1.50 n. |

| COTTON MILLS | |
|-----------------|-----------|
| Ewo Sh. | 40 1/2 n. |
| Shai Cotton Sh. | 200 n. |

| MISG. | |
|-------------------------|-----------|
| H.K. Govt 4% | 97 n. |
| H.K. Govt 3 1/4% (1934) | 94 1/2 n. |
| H.K. Govt 3 1/4% (1940) | 94 n. |
| Ch Govt 5% 1925 G.Bds. | 28 n. |
| H.K. Entertainments | 0 1/2 n. |
| Constructions (old) | 1.00 n. |
| Constructions (new) | 1 n. |
| Vibro Piling | 7.20 n. |
| Marsmans Inv. (Low) | 6 1/2 n. |
| Marsmans Inv. (H.K.) | 2 1/2 n. |

| SALES | |
|---------------------|---------|
| Providents | \$5.10 |
| Lands | \$33 |
| H.K. Trams | \$10.10 |
| China Lights (Old) | \$6 |
| China Lights Rights | 50 cts. |
| Ropes | \$7 |

| BUYERS | |
|---------------------|----------|
| Bank of East Asia | \$70 |
| Union Ins. | \$425 |
| Indo-Chinas (Pref.) | \$80 |
| Wharves | \$85 1/2 |
| China Lights (Old) | \$6 |
| Entertainments | \$6 1/2 |

| SELLERS | |
|--------------|----------|
| Union Ins. | \$430 |
| H.K. Trams | \$10 1/2 |
| Star Ferries | \$53 |
| Watsons | \$9 1/2 |

| STOCK MARKET REPORT | |
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| Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary, issued to-day, says: The market continues quiet, the volume of business done to-day being of very moderate dimensions. | |

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DEATH

RUSSELL—Margaret Jane, passed peacefully away at "The Hermitage," Hongkong, at 3 a.m. April 18, 1941. The funeral will take place at the Colonial Cemetery tomorrow, the cortege passing the Monument at 5 p.m.

The
Hongkong Telegraph

Friday, April 18, 1941.

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STIFF UPPER LIP

THERE is no doubt that many English people are now remembering with pride that their gallant leader promised them blood, tears, toil and sweat along the first arduous laps to victory. The reversals in Libya and the Balkans, superficial as they may prove to be, are a timely reminder that the Nazi land-forces are a most formidable fighting machine—not at all to be compared with the Italian army.

There is little doubt but that the war is going on for a long time yet and the peoples assembled together under the Union Jack against Germany and Italy are prepared grimly to suffer whatever reverses the future may hold for them on land, sea and in the air. It is gratifying to reflect that whatever casualties we sustain, the enemy pays generally threefold and whatever territory he gains always adds to his overheads and pays no dividends. On the other hand the democracies' strength increases by leaps and bounds; time, which we should have taken by the forelock a few years ago, has not deserted us.

Faithfully the situation calls for clear thinking and quick action on our part to nullify entirely the enemy gains in North Africa and to check his headlong course in the south of Yugo-Slavia towards the heart of Greece. General Wavell took a great gamble with his Army of the Nile. He had to. Using his forces like a hammer he struck blow after blow swiftly along the whole Libyan coast and then, having temporarily quashed all opposition he turned it on Abyssinia and crushed that clayey-footed Empire in a few history-making weeks. At the same time Wavell denuded his strength in proportion to the enemy's weakening resistance to send reinforcements to Greece while he had also to keep in mind the threat that might yet emerge from Tripoli where the humiliated enemy was being given backbone by a German armoured division, and infantry shipped and flown across from Italy with considerable casualties on route.

Wavell's gamble has been justified. Abyssinia has fallen in time for us to release for service on the Libyan front those victorious troops who raced through Abyssinia. There is no doubt that they will eliminate the German spear-head. The Italians will not risk moving a strong army out of Tripoli in a "do or die" effort to crush the British and hold the German gains unless they are certain of success; and they are not certain. In Greece the enemy have concentrated our lines back upon a powerful spring, whose embankment face covers the country from the Ionian to the Aegean Sea. The question remains whether enemy pressure can

THE new Europe will fall unless it solves the riddle of the Balkans.

It is true that in one sense the Balkans are not, and have never been, a part of Europe. They suffered in every great onslaught of the Asiatic tribesmen.

They were on that unhappy borderland where two civilisations met, and although what we now call Western civilisation had its origins in the most southerly tip of the Balkan peninsula, it was not the Western, but the Eastern, spirit which eventually triumphed. It used to be said that Europe ends at Vienna. But that was before the Nazis came.

Since the middle of the nineteenth century the Balkans have been the jousting-ground of Big Power politics.

Russia and Austria, Germany and Italy used Serb and Bulgar, Greek and Turk as pawns in a vast, cynical and occasionally murderous game of grab.

To Germany the Balkan peninsula was the jumping-off place for her long-contemplated march into Asia. Russia kept a covetous eye on Constantinople and the Straits.

France and England tried to bribe the Sultan into submission with loans, while the more astute Germans played the bolder card of revolution, and put the Young Turks in power. Greece and Bulgaria were the objects of Victorian England's sentimental admiration, but English Liberals did not protest when a descendant of the Bourbons was crowned in Sofia as Tsar of the Bulgarians.

Since the end of the war of 1914-1918 the Balkans have become a blue-print of democracy in its birth-pangs. They have witnessed the coming and the going of all varieties of parliamentary government.

In Yugoslavia and Rumania, the two Balkan countries with the least homogeneous population, Parliament has never been more than a fiction. It has served as the stage for mutual recriminations and revolver-duels between rival parties and national groups, but it has never ruled.

Not even in the time of the Liberal Bratians could it be said that the Rumanians enjoyed parliamentary representation. And since then...

Bulgaria, under the stout and swarthy peasant Premier, Stamboulsky, had a short experience of democracy. But Stamboulsky was murdered by his political opponents.

The dictator, Tsankoff, came into power, and after him a long series of more or less arbitrary statesmen. Only the mild, moderating influence of King Boris saved the country from internal revolution.

Turkey's Path

Under the late Kemal Ataturk, and under his successor Inonu, Turkey has enjoyed a kind of benevolent and patriarchal autocracy, grafted on to a society essentially democratic in character.

Mus was unlike other autocrats in this, that he sincerely encouraged the growth of democracy and parliamentary government in Turkey, even to the point of creating an official opposition, when the rule of a single national party seemed to be stifling political thought and criticism.

Like other autocrats, however, Kemal refused to remove himself from the seat of power and see what would happen under conditions of complete freedom. If he had done so, we may wonder if Turkey would be resisting the Axis to-day.

For what is freedom? "Liberty is a noble idea," said a Greek to me recently, "but it is not easy to define it. And it is still less easy to say where one man's liberty ceases and another's begins."

A nation only knows what liberty is when it has lost it. But which is more important, individual liberty or national liberty? And could Greece have saved its national liberty and its independence against the sud-

be brought to break this spring or whether the British can bring in reinforcements that will release these pent-up forces to join with resurgent elements in Yugo-Slavia, Bulgaria and Rumania in resistance.

It would be foolish to attempt to prophesy what will happen; it is however safe to say that a German success in this Balkan struggle will not help her one whit to a victory in World War No. 2.

Concluding:

HOW WILL HITLER FALL?

RIDDLE of the BALKANS

By **GEORGE SLOCOMBE**

(The Famous Foreign Correspondent)

den aggression of Mussolini if the against Greece, as Germany and Italy Greeks had not been led by the had against France.

I discussed this question with the Greek Minister in London, M. Simopoulos. The son of a famous Greek scholar and the nephew of a famous Minister of Finance, M. Simopoulos is a veteran in diplomacy. He has served his country in many capitals and under many different Governments.

He was in London when the two most important events occurred in recent history, before the war with Italy—the restoration of King George to the Greek throne in 1935 and the advent of General Metaxas to power in 1936.

Hour And The Man

M. Simopoulos explained to me the circumstances in which Metaxas was called to office. The country was divided into two almost equally powerful factions.

The elections held after King George's restoration, under conditions of freedom and order rarely witnessed in Greece, divided the seats in Parliament between the two principal Parties, but gave the final power to the Communist minority, which with its 14 seats could put either Party in office.

The King, therefore, decided the issue by appealing to a Government of non-party men, headed by a university professor, the late M. Demertzis.

When this man died, his Vice-Premier, General Metaxas, succeeded him. Metaxas then governed Greece with a mild, even-handed, but nevertheless autocratic hand.

Let us not blink the fact. The valiant Greece of to-day, the Greece which rose as one man against Mussolini, which threw back the Italians across the frontier, which pursued an immensely superior army into Albania, which is still inflicting defeat after defeat on Mussolini's mechanised and highly-disciplined army, is not, according to our British ideas, a democracy.

But they were united against outside enemies.

Miscalculations

Italy had for years exerted the weapons of economic penetration, political corruption and Press bribery

In this Greco-Turk reconciliation may be found the germ of a settlement of all the Balkan troubles, perhaps of all the troubles of Europe.

Yet one of these States was, in theory, an autocratic State; and the other a State fluctuating painfully between periods of democracy and periods of semi-autocracy.

Evidently, democracy alone is not to be the fundamental basis of any immediate charter for the Balkans. Not, that is, democracy as the French knew it, and as we used to understand it in Great Britain.

The truth would seem to be that democracy can only flourish at a certain stage of political development and of political education. Superficial culture alone does not encourage its growth—as witness Germany, the Germany of the Kaiser, of the Weimar Republic, or of the Third Reich.

In the Balkans, a peninsula of small agricultural States but recently emerged from a long period of enslavement to the Ottoman Empire, and later subject to the domination of one Great Power after another, peace, prosperity and orderly government may have to be ensured for some years to come by a measure of autocratic power.

Co-operation

The protection of the big Powers—Russia or Great Britain—is no solution of the problem.

When the Balkan peoples have learned to depend solely upon themselves, they will have learned the lesson of collective resistance against aggression from without. During the years of illusory European reconciliation and appeasement there were repeated attempts to organise the Balkan States into an entente for mutual protection.

But always that entente was weakened by the abstention of a country like Bulgaria, directly influenced or dominated by an aggressive Power, or the doubtful participation of an unstable State like Rumania, fearful of the designs of the neighbours whose territory it had acquired.

Federation?

This war may clarify that things are in a disquieting condition of always. If only it removes the Balkans from the Great Powers' sphere of influence, if only it persuades the Balkan States to persist in the way of federation.

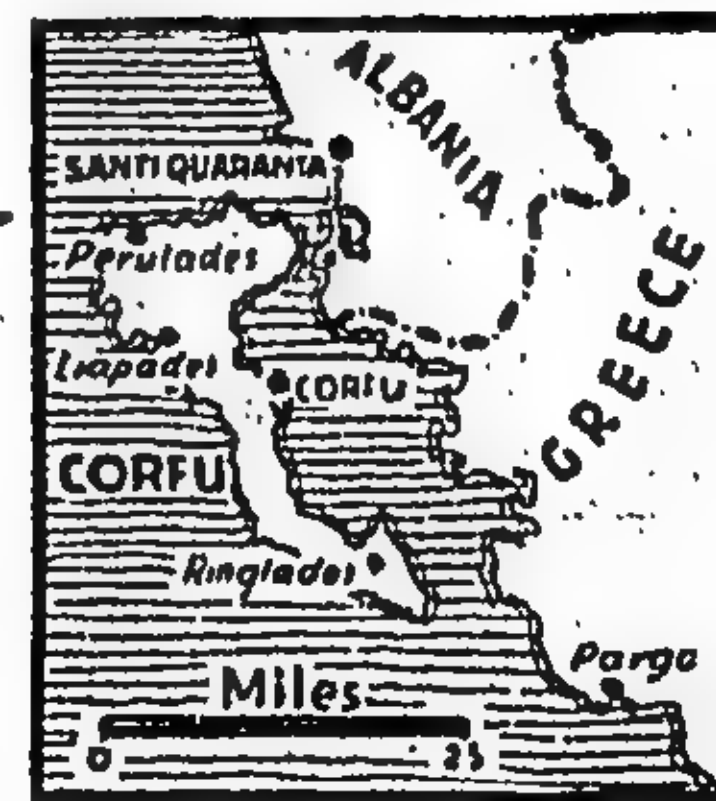
For a hundred years the Balkans have contained the germs of Great Power disputes.

War in Europe was narrowly averted in 1912 as a result of the Balkan wars. In 1914, the long-threatened conflagration was touched off by a Balkan incident.

It may be that in this long-disputed region of Europe the basis will be found of a larger European federation, a more permanent Europe peace.

CORFU

WAITS FOR SETTLING DAY



NO place has suffered more at the Duce's hands than Corfu. Day after day, raids on this beautiful town and island have been proudly recorded in Mussolini's communiques. There is no need to look far for the reason. Corfu is close to Italy—and it is undefended. The Italian airmen have therefore been able to crucify its inhabitants in perfect safety. With their casualties mounting to many hundreds, the citizens of Corfu have shown that they too can "take it"—and wait with patience and hope for the day of reckoning which now seems not so far away.

The people of Corfu have a double account to settle with the Duce. For it was to them, on a beautiful day in August 17 years ago, that Mussolini first showed the blackness of his heart.

It all began with some murders on the Santi Quaranta road. An Italian General named Tullini and some Italian officers were engaged on frontier duty when they were taken to a place called Corfu and there they were attacked by assassins and slain. The Duce, spilling to assert the new authority of two forts, the older had been dismantled in 1864 and now of 1940, have not forgotten the harsh ultimatum was delivered in Athens. The Greeks accepted some of its conditions, shot

but rejected others. They declared, with good reason, that their responsibility for the murders was not proved.

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EARLY in the afternoon of August 31 an Italian fleet came sailing into Corfu harbour. The commander was Colonel Lowe. The commander was taken ashore and unceremoniously called upon the Prefect to surrender the island. The Prefect said he must get in touch with Athens. He pointed out that in any case it was unnecessary to use force as Corfu was in no position to resist. Of its without firing a single gun.

The islanders, nursing the wounds of 1923, have not forgotten the they are waiting for settling day.

The Italian departed. The Prefect set to work to inform the foreign Consuls. A few minutes after the British Consul had been notified, the Italian warships began to bombard the town.

The Italian gunnery was shocking in its inaccuracy. Of thirteen shells aimed at the fort, twelve fell short and hit a gendarmic school. Several ploughed their way through a crowd of orphan boys bathing in the sea. Others fell among the refugees, about whose presence and whereabouts the Italian commander had been warned. Of twenty people found dead when the shelling subsided, 16 were children. The wounded could be counted in dozens. Corfu, which had gone to its sleep under a peaceful Mediterranean sky, awoke to the sounds and sights of the battlefield. The new Roman Emperor had won his first victory.

After the bombardment, the Italian commander made light of the crime. "You know this is not war," he said to an American, Colonel Lowe. "This is a peaceful occupation. If what I saw was peace, said the Colonel. "I don't know what you call war." Later he declared that the bombardment had been entirely unnecessary, as "one officer with a handful of men could have accomplished the occupation without firing a single gun."

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Paul Winterton

Stamp Family Wiped Out In London Raid

LONDON, Apr. 17 (Reuter).—The bodies of Lord Stamp and his heir, the Hon. Wilfred Stamp, both killed in last night's air raids, have been recovered from the wreckage of their home in Shortlands, Kent.

The search is continuing for Lady Stamp.

Lord Stamp, whose career was an amazing "success" story, rose from a 15-shillings-a-week boy to the highest business appointments in the land. As, among other activities, President of the London Midland and Scottish Railway, Director of the Bank of England and the Imperial Chemical Industries, and economic expert and adviser to the Government, he was one of the busiest men in the country.

Other Victims
Other raid victims include Lord Auckland, who was an air pilot, and Al Bowley, who was a well-known crooner, both being killed in London.

Body Recovered
LONDON, Apr. 17 (Reuter).—The body of Lady Stamp has now been recovered together with those of Lord Stamp and their son.

They were in a shelter when the house received a direct hit and collapsed on the shelter, which was demolished. Of the seven people taking refuge, only one was rescued alive.

Quo's News From Moscow

Attitude Toward China

LONDON, Apr. 17 (Reuter).—Dr. Quo Tai-chi, the Chinese Ambassador who is returning to China as Foreign Minister, informs "Reuter" that he has received a telegram from the Chinese Ambassador in Moscow stating that Russia has no intention of changing her policy towards China or of discontinuing her help.

In fact, said Dr. Quo, "I understand that China was never mentioned in Mr. Matsuoka's conversations in Moscow."

Instead of going to Sir Philip Cunliffe-Owen's house at Sunningdale last night as he has usually done in recent months, Dr. Quo slept, or tried to sleep, at the Embassy. He described the blitz as by far the worst air raid he remembered.

Fortunately, except for a few broken window-panes, the Embassy was unscathed.

Goodwill Messages

Dr. Quo received "Reuter's" representative in a room strewn with goodwill letters and telegrams, despatch cases and farewell presents including signed portraits of the King and Queen in large silver-frames and of Mr. Churchill and a great silver loving-cup from a group of Chinese friends.

Most of these possessions will have to remain in London till after the war.

Farewells

Dr. Quo spent yesterday chiefly in farewell visiting, seeing Mr. Clement Attlee, the Lord Privy Seal, Mr. Ernest Bevin, Minister of Labour and Social Services, Mr. W. S. Morrison, the Postmaster General, and others. Dr. Quo will leave for China tomorrow.

It is not yet known when Dr. Wellington Koo who succeeds Dr. Quo, will arrive. He is at present at Vichy and can only come via Spain and Portugal.

As China has not yet recognised General Franco's Government, Dr. Wellington Koo cannot claim diplomatic privileges in crossing Spain but can only travel as a distinguished foreigner.

Sun Fo On Future Of China

CHUNGKING, Apr. 17 (Central News).—Discussing China's policy of resistance and reconstruction in a special article in a recent issue of the "Central Weekly," Dr. Sun Fo, President of the Legislative Yuan, emphasised that China's war of resistance will never cease or be modified midway; that China will never be anti-Democratic, and that she will not adopt Capitalism.

Dr. Sun said that experience for more than ten years in the past testified that the Chinese Communist Party and Communism were not suitable for China.

Dr. Sun revealed that the Soviet authorities had said to him that they hoped China would become an independent nation and were not anxious she should adopt Communism. The Chinese Communist Party in their opinion should contribute their efforts to national solidarity and the execution of the Three Principles of the People laid down by the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen, Father of the Chinese Republic.

BELGIAN ENVOY ENTERTAINS

CHUNGKING, Apr. 17 (Central News).—Baron Jules Guillaume, Belgian Ambassador to China, gave a dinner party yesterday evening in honour of Dr. Wang Chung-hui, Minister of Foreign Affairs, and other high Chinese officials.

The Belgian Envoy paid a courtesy call on Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek on April 14, and donated funds for the relief of Chinese refugees.

CONVOY LIE

WASHINGTON, Apr. 17 (Reuter).—President Roosevelt, through his Private Secretary, Mr. Stephen Early, characterised as a "deliberate lie" the reports that United States naval vessels were helping to convoy British ships across the Atlantic.

Rigid Control of Aliens In Philippines Sought

MANILA, April 17 (UP).—Registration and identification of all aliens in the Philippines, with a view to checking illegal entry of foreigners and curbing possible Fifth Column activities, is visualised in a bill drafted by Secretary of Interior Rafael Alunan for submission to the National Assembly.

Secretary Alunan declared that enactment of the measure was imperative in view of present world conditions. He said that under present laws the Philippines was helpless against possible operations of Fifth Columnists.

The Philippines already has rigid immigration laws, but Mr. Alunan believes they are not sufficient to protect the country from illegal entry of foreigners and illegal alien activities. He declares that the measure he has drafted would provide the means to detect easily any foreigner who had entered the country illegally.

The measure has three main features, as follows:

1. Registration and identification of all aliens under a system to be supervised by the Chief of the Philippine Constabulary.
2. Constant watch on movements of aliens in the country by peace officers. Aliens must show identification papers on demand.

Young Nazi Gestapo In Shanghai

SHANGHAI, Apr. 17 (Reuter).—A number of German youths, mostly members of the Gestapo, arrived in Shanghai recently for political activities, according to the Chinese newspapers, "Chung Yuen Pao."

The newcomers supervised the recent Japanese parachute exercises over the northern suburbs of Shanghai.

Well-informed circles agree that the parachutists are not for service in China but elsewhere, probably in the South Seas regions, adds the newspaper.

Australia Vigilant

MELBOURNE, Apr. 17 (Reuter).—The Acting Prime Minister, Mr. A. W. Fadden, stated today that Australia was vigilant of events in the Pacific after the interpretations of the Russo-Japanese Pact, and was determined to join the rest of the Empire against Axis aggression in the Pacific.

Dutch May Object To Japanese Flight

By JOHN M. RALEIGH

(United Press Staff Correspondent)

BATAVIA, April 17 (UP).—The N.E.I. Government will probably refuse permission for further Japanese experimental flights over Dutch territory from Palau to Portuguese Timor.

The Japanese airline, Dai Nippon, has asked that six trial flights from Palau, Japanese mandated island in the southern Pacific, to Portuguese Timor, near northern Australia, be allowed.

Dai Nippon has effected previous flights with a large flying boat, Marakumo. The only Dutch territory flown over by the Japanese on the prescribed course is the island of Boero, northwest of Timor.

Whether the Marakumo is "escorted" over the island is not known, but some consider it quite likely.

Dili, the capital of Portuguese Timor, has only a small community of Europeans. The economic possibilities of the tiny colony are almost nil. Further, Dili is connected by air routes to the east and west by a regular Portuguese service from the settlement to the Dutch end of Timor.

Four Hours From Darwin
Portuguese Timor is only four hours flight from Port Darwin, Australia.

A Japanese ship, the Nula Maru, has been assisting the flying boat with weather warnings by radio. Recently, Portuguese authorities protested when the vessel sailed Dili harbour, will transmitting information to the Marakumo on her third trial flight. The Japanese were cautioned concerning this breach of international courtesy.

Near Dili, Japanese residents of Timor and flying boat ground crews have erected a large beacon on a permanent concrete base. This is to be used in case the Marakumo should overfly Dili because of clouds, or misty weather.

Six pilots and four mechanics are stationed at Dili as reserve flyers and repairmen. Thirteen other Japanese are connected officially with the project in Timor.

Wireless Man
One Japanese, living far back in the hills from Dili, possesses a wireless transmitter and others have long range receivers.

Wind-driven generators provide the necessary power. Australian coastwise and southern Pacific shipping signals can be picked up easily. Information can be retransmitted via the Caroline Islands, or given orally to the Marakumo's crew.

Leaving Dili, the flying boat takes on a thousand gallons of aviation gasoline for the return trip to Palau.

Pressure On Macao
Japanese authorities hope to establish a regular air service between Palau and Dili. If permission is not granted by the Portuguese, pressure is expected to be brought to bear on Macao, Portuguese colony near Hongkong, which controls the administration in Timor.

But the Japanese would still have to get Dutch permission to fly over Boero. How they intend to deal with this situation is problematical.

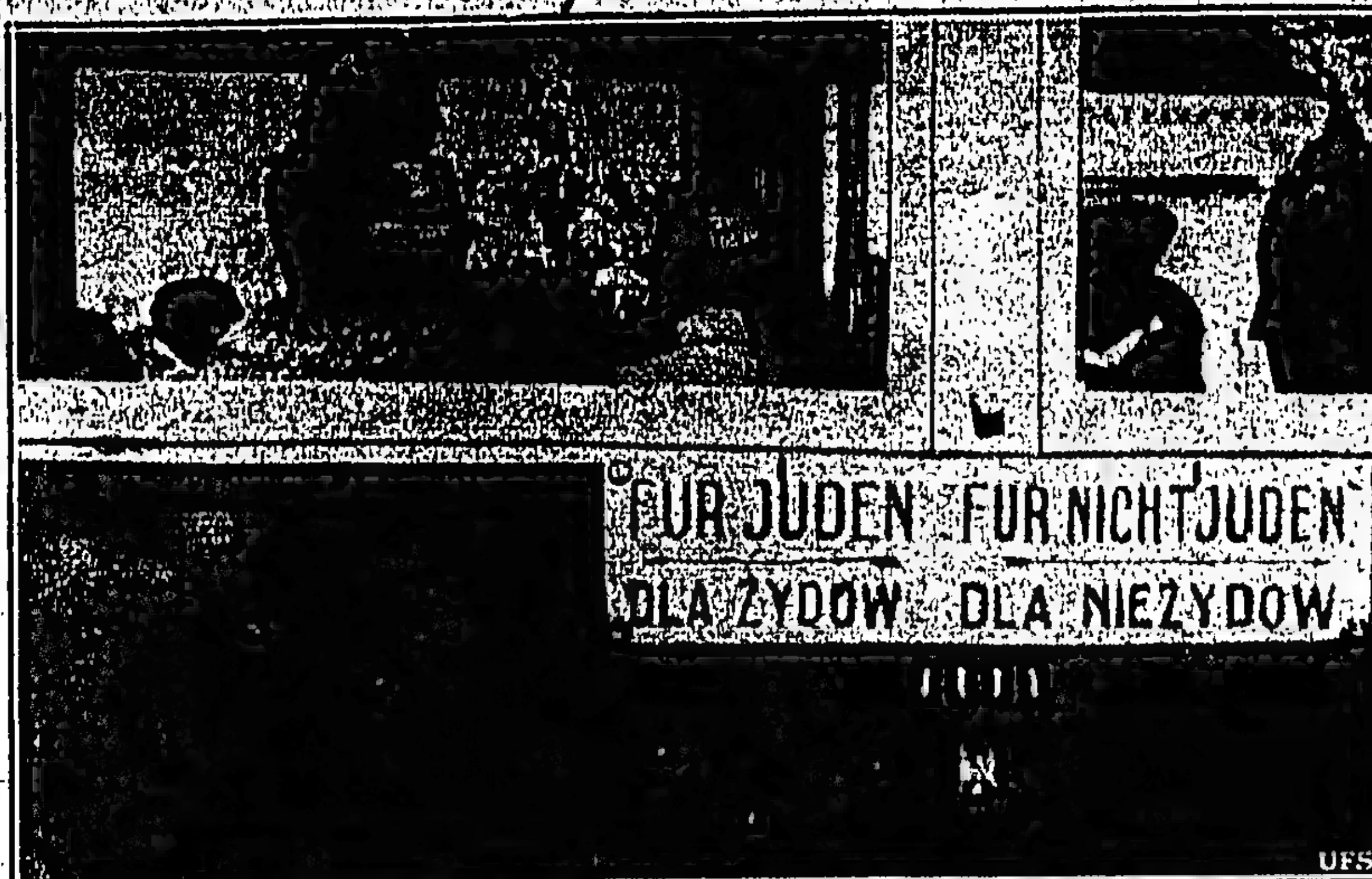
Film Tycoon Shirked Income Tax

New York, Apr. 17. A Federal Jury to-day found Joseph M. Schenck, Chairman of Twentieth Century Fox Film Corporation, guilty on two counts of Federal income tax evasion. Schenck's co-defendant, Joseph H. Moscovitz, eastern representative of the company, who was charged with aiding in the alleged evasions, was found guilty on one count.—United Press.

TELEVISION IN COLOUR

Mr. J. L. Baird, television pioneer, has succeeded in transmitting pictures in colour. He demonstrated his new process at his home at Sydenham, S.E., recently.

FATALITIES ON SHIPS
Two cargo coolies were killed yesterday when they fell into the holds of ships.



JEWS RIDE SEPARATELY—Trolley car in Warsaw, Poland, divided into two sections, one for non-Jews and one for Jews only. Signs on some cars forbid Jews to ride in them at all. This picture was taken by Swiss journalist who smuggled it out of Poland into Switzerland.

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"Captain Foster's" Racing Review

Exciting Finishes During Easter Meeting

S.W. Lee Heads List Of Successful Owners

I WAS DELIGHTED to see Mr S. W. Lee heading the list of successful owners with two wins, a second and a third, because he has a string of about three dozen ponies including a couple of hacks. He has won an aggregate of \$2,550, contributed by Blue Field, Baffin Bay, West Lake and Double Finesse.

Order Of Finishes

GOOD SPORT was undoubtedly enjoyed by all the race-goers, who had certainly the full value of their money, and there were a few records broken.

The introduction of a clause practically forcing owners not to run their ponies out of distances was not only well commended, but it was instrumental in keeping the field down to those which our track could really hold.

Those "who have gone down the sink" must admit that there were not many runaway victories. The segregation of defeats shows the following results:

| 1 race | 2 races | 3 races | 4 races | 5 races | 6 races | 7 races | 8 races | 9 races | 10 races | 11 races | 12 races | 13 races | 14 races | 15 races | 16 races | 17 races | 18 races | 19 races | 20 races | 21 races | 22 races | 23 races | 24 races |
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Major Baseball

Chicago White Sox Blanked By Indians

NEW YORK, Apr. 17 (AP).—Cleveland Indians provided the first whitewashing of the Major Baseball League when they met and defeated the Chicago White Sox 2-0 to-day.

Scores were:

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| Chicago | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Batteries: Lee, Tresh. | 2 | 7 | 0 |
| Cleveland | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Batteries: Hooten, Hickey. | 4 | 7 | 3 |
| Philadelphia | 4 | 7 | 3 |
| Batteries: Vaughan, R. Johnson, Hayes. | 0 | 12 | 0 |
| Yankees | 0 | 12 | 0 |
| Batteries: Gomez, Red, Rosar. | 7 | 10 | 2 |
| NATIONAL LEAGUE | 7 | 10 | 2 |
| Pittsburgh | 7 | 10 | 2 |
| Batteries: Sewell, Lopez. | 2 | 3 | 3 |
| Chicago | 2 | 3 | 3 |
| Batteries: V. Olsen, Frickson, Page. | 7 | 13 | 0 |
| McCallough | 7 | 13 | 0 |
| St. Louis | 7 | 13 | 0 |
| Batteries: McGee, Hutchinson, Grunke. | 0 | 9 | 0 |
| Molten, Lyons, Sargent, W. Cooper. | 0 | 9 | 0 |
| Cincinnati | 0 | 9 | 0 |
| Batteries: Thompson, E. Riddle, Logan. | 0 | 9 | 0 |
| Lombardi, R. Riddle, Banker. | 0 | 9 | 0 |

Rest Cricket Eleven

THE REST TEAM to represent the Junior Cricket League in the winding-up-of-the-season match against K.C.C., the champions, on Sunday afternoon has been selected as follows:

A. E. Carey (Police), capt., M. A. Remedios (Recreio), G. Alinsio (C.S.C.C.), A. J. Arculli, Jun. (I.R.C.), M. R. Razack (I.R.C.), H. Esmail (C.C.C.), H. E. Strange (C.S.C.C.), U. M. Omar (C.C.C.), A. Noronha (Recreio), K. Lo (University), and D. Chelliah (University).

The match will be played at the K.C.C., starting at 2 o'clock sharp.

Larry Gains' First Knock-out Of His Career

FOR the first time in his 20 years of boxing, the veteran Larry Gains, former British Empire heavy-weight champion, was knocked out at Liverpool.

He was beaten by Jack London, West Hartlepool heavy-weight. The knock-out came in the fourth round. Gains only once previously failed to finish a fight. When, in 1934, he lost his Empire title to Jack Petersen, the contest was stopped in the 13th round.

London is on the physical training staff of the R.A.F.

Craigengower Rinks

The following will represent Craigengower C.C. in a Lawn Bowls match against Kowloon C.C. on the latter's green, to-morrow:

J. W. Leonard, L. C. R. Souza, A. E. J. Pau, K. M. Omar, U. M. Omar (skip), Y. A. Razack, W. C. Way, J. S. Landell, J. A. Russell (skip), W. E. Broadbridge, F. K. Modi, G. S. Ladd, T. Lock (skip), J. H. Xavier, D. A. Rosario, M. R. Karar, M. J. Medina (skip), S. R. Bellina, C. W. Lam, W. Ward, H. W. Randall (skip).

Sapper Fails For First Time Of Its Racing Career: Jockeys Suspended And Reprimanded

WITH HEAVY CLOUDS hanging above, Mr Clerk of the Weather did not open the tap on either Saturday or Monday last with the result that there was a tremendous crowd of racegoers present on both days of the Easter Race Meeting. There were several close and exciting finishes and complimentary remarks were heard about the fine results of the handicaps events.

Outstanding feature of the Easter Carnival was the disastrous running of Mrs Grasett's Sapper in the Albury Handicap from the 1 1/2 mile post (about half mile 170 yards), and this was the first occasion that the pony's saddle-cloth number was not hoisted in the semaphore since he started his racing career in 1940.

It may, however, be interesting to know that it was also Sapper's first attempt over a short distance, and on top of this, the sailor jockey (Proulx) was put aboard at the eleventh hour because the usual pilot was suspended.

The running of the Taiwan Bay Handicap (second section) for "D" class China ponies was marred when Mr Cooper on Sylvandale was badly unseated and he escaped with slight bruises. Following the incident, permission to Mr Lo Kwong-to to ride his mare temporarily withdrawn, but Sylvandale has gone to the happy hunting grounds.

A protest was lodged after the running of the Hongkang Bay Handicap (second section) when Messrs W. H. S. Davis and P. Y. T. Wei were asked to see the carpet in the Stewards' chamber. The former was suspended from riding for the remainder of the first half racing season and the latter was severely reprimanded.

As expected, the return of Li-Cdr Craven to the saddle gave an easy win to Wonderful Scheme in the open event, Mrs Bay Stakes, while Mr R. M. Wood scored his first and notable success on the Hongkong Bank's Wayworth in the Coolgairle Stakes (second section) after graduating from the novice class.

Successful Jockeys

THE most successful jockey was Mr Peter Wei who piloted Galaxy, Longdon, Joan and Moonlight to victory, and he was trailed by Mr Donald Black with three wins on A Happy Time, Avon and Mainsail, all on the first day of the meet.

Mr Hearne had also a good meeting with three successes on The Nineteenth Hole, Hole in One and Thirty Six.

Twenty-seven jockeys were led in procession to the dismounting enclosure and hereunder is a complete list of their successes.

| | 1st | 2nd | 3rd |
|-----------------|-----|-----|-----|
| P. Y. T. Wei | 4 | 3 | 4 |
| D. Black | 3 | 3 | 1 |
| H. J. A. Hearne | 3 | 1 | 2 |
| L. B. Chao | 2 | 4 | 1 |
| H. C. Pih | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| W. Poy | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| H. S. Chang | 1 | 3 | 1 |
| V. V. Needa | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| S. W. Pan | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| S. W. Tang | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| D. H. S. Craven | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| W. Yui | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| S. F. Li | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| B. Proulx | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| R. M. Wood | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| W. H. S. Davis | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Ip Kuei-ying | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| J. N. da Silva | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| S. W. Lee | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| S. C. Liang | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| B. L. Tao | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| R. K. C. Chui | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| E. F. Chiu | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| C. Traverton | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| T. W. Chanley | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Y. K. Tu | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| C. L. Gregory | 1 | 1 | 1 |

FANLING GOLF STARTING TIMES

| Sunday | |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| OLD COURSE | NEW COURSE |
| 8.10 S. H. Dodwell, K. B. Morrison. | 8.30 G. O. Attenhead, R. C. Gardner. |
| 8.20 M. A. Annett, J. B. Harrison. | 8.40 P. Annis, L. M. Rowland. |
| 8.24 T. E. Pearce, J. A. Plummer. | 8.45 R. Challinor, K. R. Glick. |
| 8.28 L. H. Andrews, H. W. Beasley. | 8.50 A. H. Guinness, H. A. Mills. |
| 8.32 G. P. Murphy, J. W. Carme. | 8.55 R. Parkin, Miss Kelly. |
| 8.36 A. D. Parvies, G. M. Park. | |
| 8.40 R. Forrest, B. L. Lloyd. | |
| 8.44 J. H. Geare, J. McGarry. | |
| 8.48 W. Woodward, W. W. Shewan. | |
| 8.52 J. E. Jupp, A. C. Meredith. | |
| 8.56 W. L. Lamb, G. P. A. Elmsdale. | |
| 9.00 N. O. Baldwin, J. N. Morris. | |
| 9.04 H. W. Duley, J. H. C. Hughes. | |
| 9.08 J. C. Bowker, J. L. Com. | |
| 9.12 C. M. Poulton, G. J. J. J. | |
| 9.16 A. K. Mackenzie, Col. Rose. | |
| 9.20 R. D. Gillespie, J. C. Taylor. | |
| 9.24 A. J. Fenwick, G. J. J. J. | |
| 9.28 A. M. Kennedy, J. P. Tamworth. | |
| 9.32 W. J. C. Mackenzie, J. Overy. | |
| 9.36 R. Allen, S. C. P. J. | |

Mainsail Shows Promise For The Future

I REMEMBER saying in my notes that we had not seen the best of this season's subscription ponies from the Antipodes on account of the muddy course at the annual big meeting.

The success of Mainsail (Black) in the Caulfield Handicap over the champion course of 1 1/4 miles in record time of 2.18 was a creditable performance and the bay by Mont was full of running at the end. This pony should be watched.

Double Success For T.K. Li In Record Time

THE EASTER STAKES for China ponies was run in a record time of 1.49.3/5 for a mile, and the first two placed ponies belonged to Mr T. K. Li.

Though there were nine runners, it was in reality a battle between two stables plus wits because the winning owner had four racers out against three ponies owned by the Shanghai challenger.

Mr Needa had the choice of the string and he put his saddle on Oolong who beat the stablemate, Confusion Bay ridden by Mr Black, for the premier place by a head.

A short head behind came Mr Moller's Spiclight piloted by Mr Liang, and the fourth pony was Velvettlight with Mr L. B. Chao in the saddle. Eve of Harvest (Plh) was a good fifth.

There was no doubt that Dupont Bay (Yuen) was sent out to do the spade work, but it was strange to see Racylight (Wei) following the "amah."

However, it was the most thrilling finish of the Easter meeting and had the jockey on Spiclight come on the outside instead of

Record Bettered By Over 12 Seconds

THE HIGH SPOT on Saturday was the comfortable win of Baffin Bay (L. B. Chao) in the classic event, Brisbane Spring Handicap, over two miles in record time of 3.42 1/2, lowering Never-Nevers' figure by 12 1/2 seconds.

Hearty congratulations are extended to Mr S. W. Lee who purchased the winner from Mr T. K. Li before the close of entries, and this was the owner's second success of the long distance run.

It is interesting to recall that Baffin Bay was beaten last year by Mr Lee's Amicus Curiae—the winner. However, this new acquisition will no doubt provide him with a strong contender for the Cesarewitch Stakes, a handicap for all Australian ponies over two and a quarter miles to be contested at the Double Tenth Meeting.



Lee Wai-tong (South China) following up a shot which Bankier (The Rest) had just brilliantly saved in the final match of the League of Monday last.—England Studio.

Tournament Tennis

Tsui Brothers Easily Beat Fincher and Hung

A MOST DISAPPOINTING GAME of tennis was witnessed on the Hongkong Cricket Club ground yesterday evening when the Tsui brothers entered the semi-final of the Colony Doubles Championship at the expense of E. C. Fincher and W. C. Hung.

The score was 6-2, 6-4 and was at one time 6-2, 5-0.

The Tsui brothers played an accurate and hard game, which would no doubt have been a pleasure to watch had the opposition been able to sustain the rallies. As it happened the match occupied only about half an hour.

Though the losers were scarcely extended by Kong and Fung in the previous round, they themselves scarcely extended the Tsuis. The elder brother brought off some grand overhead smashes. The younger brother bore at least his share of the game and acquitted himself well in all departments of the game.

Fincher and Hung failed to strike a winning patch at any time, though they sparked occasionally in the four games before Tsuis clinched the issue by winning the tenth game.

To-day's Match

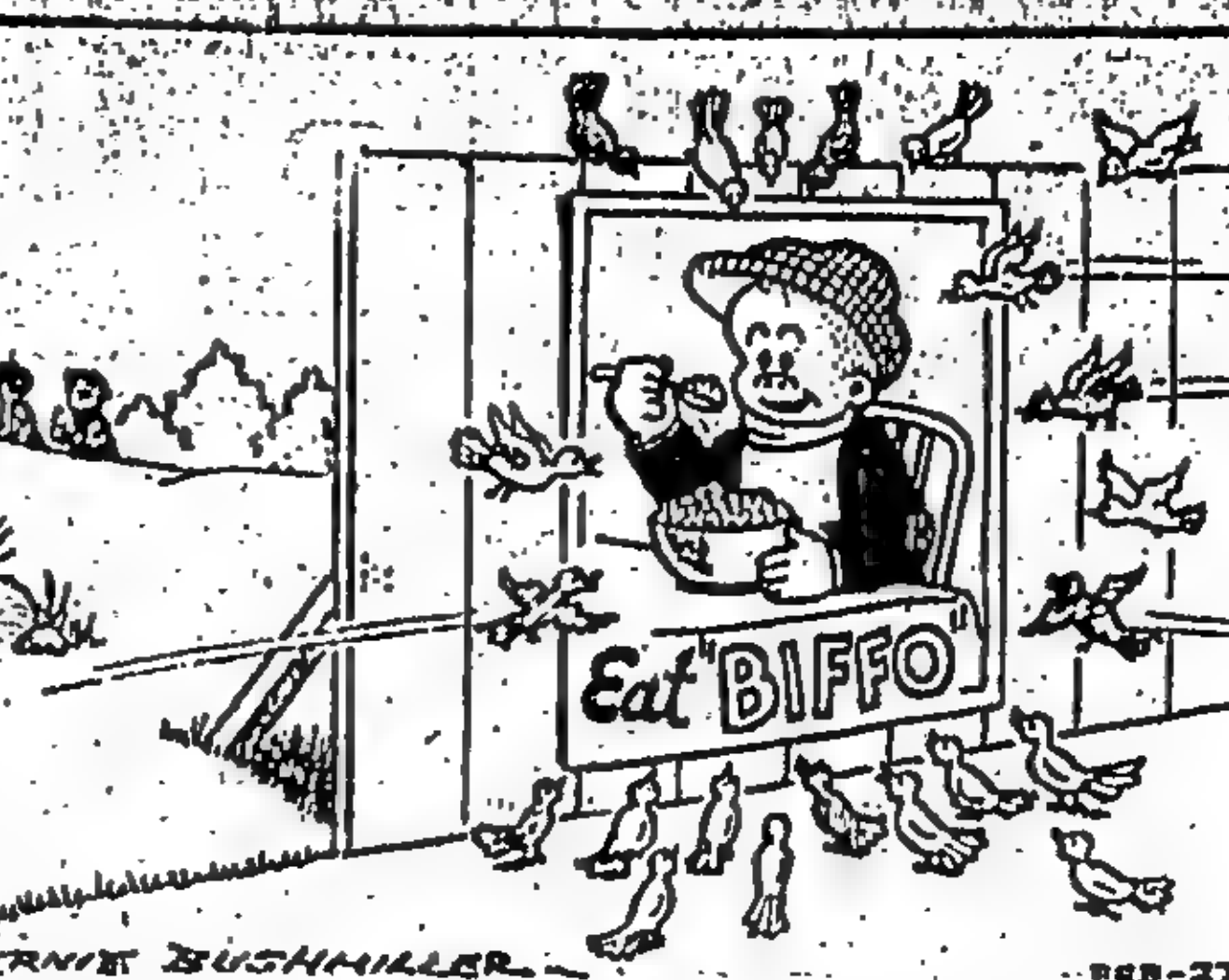
At the mention of Tsui Yan-pai and J. D. Rumhan, one recalls their great match of two years ago when twice they essayed to play their five-set semi-final and twice the game had to be abandoned through bad light, with the scores two sets all.

To-day on the Stand Court, these two meet again and in the semi-finals of the Colony Open Singles Tennis Championship, and the match, it is hoped, will commence at 4.30 p.m.

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By Ernie Bushmiller

Self-Sufficiency Object Of Eastern Supply Council

BY HAROLD GUARD
United Press Staff Correspondent

SINGAPORE, April 18 (UP).—Following the Delhi Conference, Malaya is to have its own Department of Supply to supervise Malaya's contribution to the direction of the war effort by the Eastern Group Supply Council, the composition of which is virtually complete, according to Sir Shenton Thomas, Governor of the Straits Settlements.

The working of this Council is expected to have a rapid effect upon the war efforts of the participating countries which include Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, the seven East African territories, Burma, Ceylon, Malaya, Hongkong and Palestine, while the recent departure of a delegation from the Netherlands Indies to Australia is authoritatively admitted to be the forerunner of the Indies' inclusion in the bloc.

"The Council has to be ready to extend its operations to the Indies at a moment's notice," a high ranking Australian delegate asserted in Singapore recently.

The same source said the achievement of self-sufficiency within the Group is the primary object of the Council, including the supply from within the Group of the most essential war materials, the supply from within the Group of all equipment of which the theatres of war are in most urgent need and the supply of civil needs within the Group in order to economise shipping.

Air Convoys

The apparent threat to Singapore and the Netherlands Indies, as well as the risks in the shipping lanes serving the Group, are causing complications in the Council's work and, according to authoritative comment, "special arrangements will have to be made to meet them," a contingency which provides reasonable explanation for the recent arrival in Malaya of long-distance reconnaissance and bombing planes and flying boats which, as proved in England, provide an effective supplement to, or even a substitute for, naval convoy units.

According to official comments, the influence of Australia on the Council is likely to be preponderant. Australia to-day is said to possess the most complete manufacturing supply programme within the Group, carrying on the vital provisioning role which in many instances has had to be vacated by Great Britain.

America A Factor

The inclusion of the Netherlands Indies, however, would present a different aspect. The Indies' special ties with the United States, whence

they obtain most of their equipment, will form one of the most important factors of the situation, indirectly placing American supplies at the disposal of the Group.

In addition, according to authoritative Australian sources, the United States has decisively influenced Australia's industrial programme since the outbreak of war. War planes are being produced on American designs, under licence to American factories, while the achievements of the Australian Ministry of Munitions in the past year have been largely dependent on the supply of material, technicians and blue prints from the United States.

In effect, America's vast resources will be at the disposal of the Eastern Group Supply Council which, authoritative quarters assert, forms the beginning of a powerful economic and industrial bloc covering the Western and Southern Pacific and the Indian Ocean in a concerted effort for mutual welfare and advancement in overcoming the totalitarian threat to free and equal government.

PAID IN FULL

By hiding his real age a Royal Engineer officer with a distinguished career in the last war got back to his regiment at the beginning of the war and was sent to France.

Then the War Office, going through old records, found that the officer had been over-paid £25 in the last war. They demanded a refund.

Later, they reconsidered this decision and a notification was sent that they would not proceed with the claim.

But the old officer had already paid in full, it was revealed recently. He was killed at Dunkirk.

Millionaire Baronet Fined

SIR JOHN MACTAGGART, baronet, of Park-lane, W., a Scottish millionaire, pleaded guilty at Bow-street recently to selling £8,300 securities in New York without Treasury authority.

It was stated that as the result of his action Britain lost the use of about 37,000 dollars.

Sir John, who was described as managing director of the Western Heritable Investment Company, Limited, was fined £10 and five guineas costs on each of four summonses.

Apartment House

Mr H. A. K. Morgan, prosecuting, said that in 1935 Sir John bought a site in New York to build an apartment house, but the development was delayed.

Instead of registering American securities with the Bank of England, he sold them in New York to bolster up the building speculation.

The money was insufficient. Later his son asked the Treasury for permission to send out 100,000 dollars.

When the Treasury asked for particulars and breaches of the regulations were disclosed Sir John gave all the information in his power.

For the defence it was stated there had never been a suggestion of improper motive.



PLANES TO PACIFIC—General George C. Marshall, left, U.S. Chief of Staff, confers with Senator Morris Shppard, chairman of the Senate Military Affairs Committee. The General asserted that the U.S. was speeding war planes to the Pacific to strengthen air power there. He would not state the number of planes.

RAF MAN OPERATED ON HIMSELF WITH SCREWDRIVER

A PEEP at the work the R.A.F. has been doing in Abyssinia is given in a recent Air Ministry honours list.

From Middle East headquarters it is announced that Pilot-Officer Reginald Alan Collis, who gets the D.F.C., volunteered to fly a single-engine plane carrying a representative of Emperor Haile Selassie to confer with rebel chiefs.

Collis had to fly over mountainous country while also carrying an Army officer, an observer and heavy essential stores. Despite this load he managed to land in extremely difficult country 8,000 feet above sea level.

After the conference he found he could not take off from the rough ground. So he stayed in Abyssinia for two nights while a runway was built, though enemy fighters were in the neighbourhood.

Abyssinia Flight

Collis, it is stated, has made many long and arduous raids into enemy territory, including a 200-mile flight into Abyssinia, in a bid to drop supplies for rebel forces. He also led a formation of three planes which succeeded in dropping ammunition and money.

Award No. 2 of the D.F.C. goes to Flight Lieutenant Graham D. Jones, who bombed Valona when other aircraft had to turn back because of icing, and who later low-level attacked ground forces during a blinding snowstorm.

No. 3 air hero is Sergeant Alfred K. Murrell, who, wounded in the knee during a dive-bombing attack on the Metemma area, took out the shell splinter with a screwdriver. Then he found he could not operate the fire extinguisher, and tackled flames in his plane with his hands.

The pilot signalled him to bale out, but he stuck at it, fighting the fire till the pilot managed to force-land. Then the fire was put out with water and the warplane flown back to its base.

Torn From Parent To Parent

ONE of the most tragic stories of modern marriage ended in New York recently.

A year ago Mr and Mrs Long lived happily together with their little daughter Jacqueline. Then they parted. Their home was broken up—but each parent wanted Jacqueline.

Mother A Crooner

Her parent fought, literally, for her possession.

Crying pitifully "I want to go to daddy," Jacqueline leaped into her father's arms. Then she was torn from parent to parent. This terrible fight for a child, in which the bitter hatred of the parents appealed the onlookers, took place outside the courthouse where they were fighting another battle, at law, for her custody.

The mother, a jazz crooner, kept the child.

She placed Jacqueline in the Sacred Heart Villa, while she went on singing and preparing for the legal battle with her husband.

Now Jacqueline is dead. The doctors, who do not admit the phrase "broken heart" as a medical term, said that she died of a "nervous disease."

Both parents were at the graveside when Jacqueline was buried.

They refused to look at each other even across the coffin of their dead daughter.

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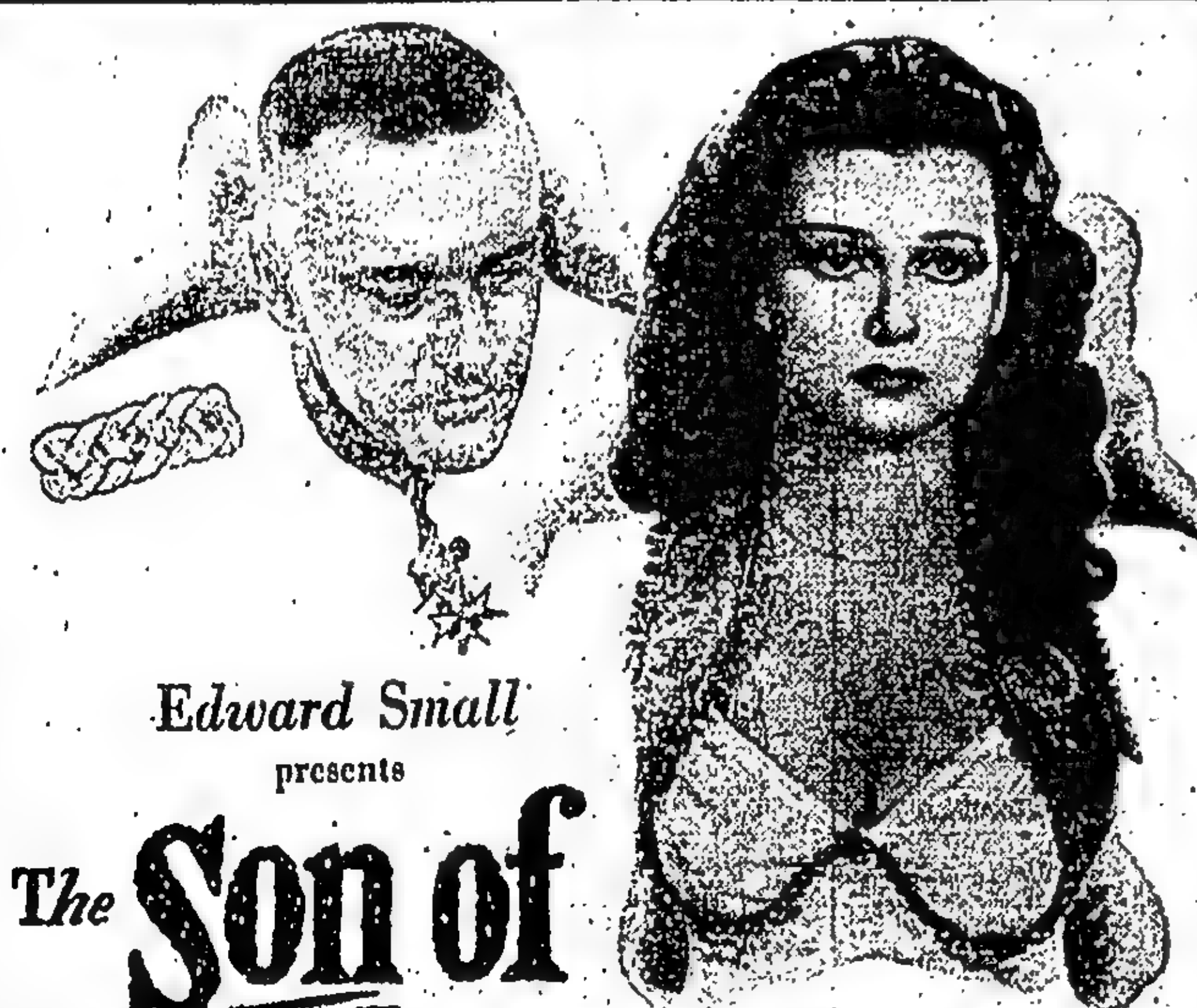


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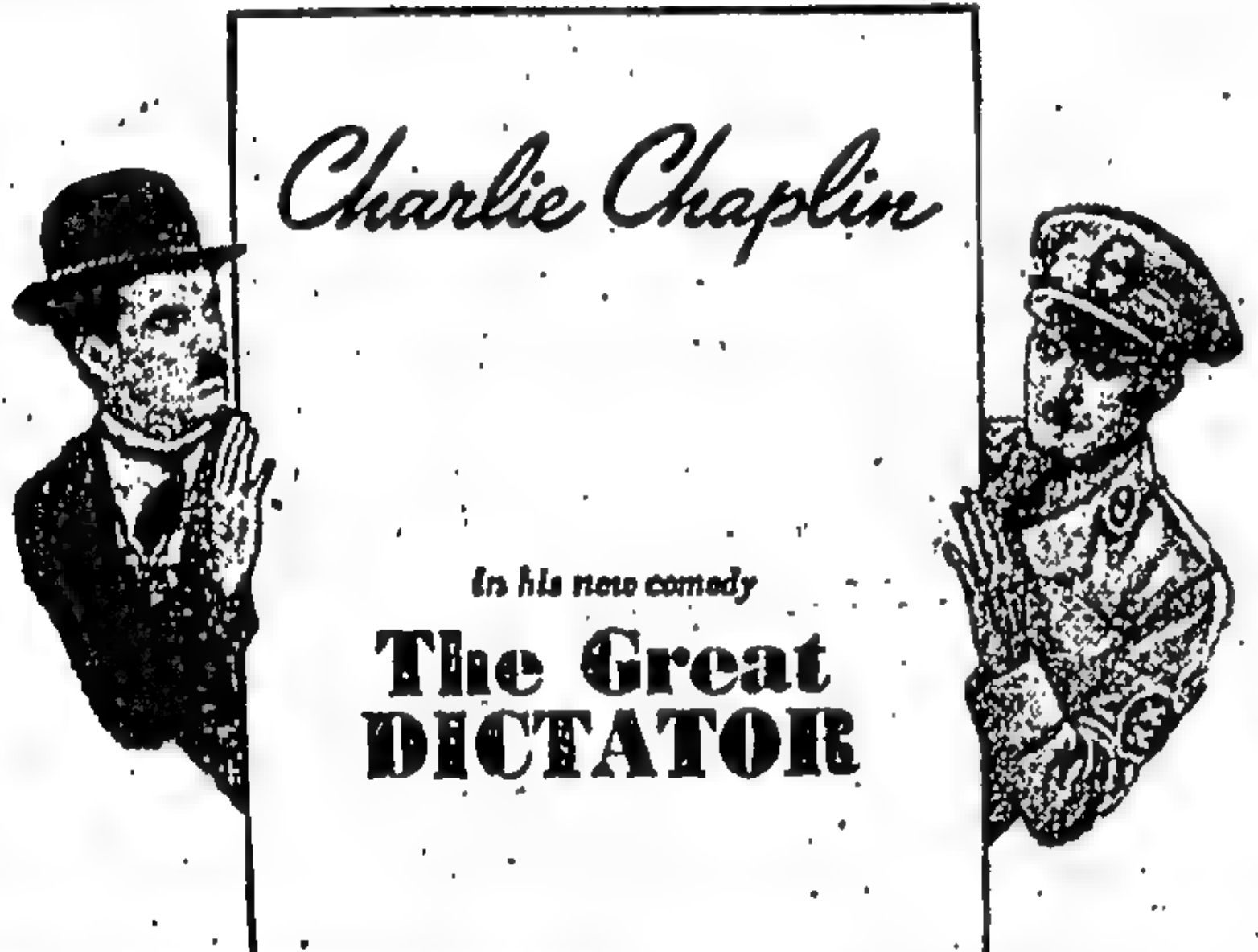


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BITTER FIGHTING IN GREECE

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frontier, where German columns have appeared and have succeeded in capturing Kefalonia Ridge.

The R.A.F. is continuing its splendid work in bombing the enemy columns, inflicting great damage on troops and supplies.

In conclusion, the statement says that all enemy attacks on the Italian front have been repulsed by the Greeks with very heavy losses on the enemy, and at no point have the Italians gained the slightest advantage.

Lines Intact

ATHENS, Apr. 17 (Reuter).—Latest reports from the Macedonian front state that the Anglo-Greek line, although under pressure, remains intact.

Hard fighting is taking place round Servia (Greece), where Australian troops are giving the Germans a hammering.

One British armoured unit brought down five German planes with Bren guns.

May Evacuate Albania

CAIRO, Apr. 17 (Reuter).—The Greek Army may have to evacuate Albania where the situation is described as "serious," according to well-informed quarters here.

Considerable German forces which have been free from the action in Yugoslavia have succeeded in pushing back the Greeks who were in position to prevent a retreat of the Greek forces from the Albanian sector, it is stated.

This may have repercussions on the British and Imperial troops in Greece.

Well-informed quarters in Cairo do not pretend to minimise the gravity of the Greek situation.

Italian Communique

LONDON, Apr. 17 (Reuter).—A special Italian High Command communique issued on Wednesday night stated:

"Following fierce fighting, the divisions of the Eleventh Army vigorously resumed their advance on Wednesday morning after having broken through the first Greek resistance in the past three days. The whole enemy front is threatened."

Serbs Capitulate?

LONDON, Apr. 17 (UP).—Radio Berlin announced this evening that all Serbian armed forces capitulated at 9 p.m.

German Report

BERLIN, Apr. 17 (UP).—The German armies are attacking the Allied lines in Greece with undiminished fury, however, there is no confirmation of foreign reports that they had broken through the British front north of Larissa. Informed circles said that the High Command has "every reason to be satisfied" with the results achieved.

Surrender of Serbs

LONDON, Apr. 17 (Reuter).—The Nazis claimed to-night that the Yugo-Slav army has surrendered.

A statement issued by the official German news agency says: "All the Yugo-Slav armed forces, which have not been disarmed before, surrendered unconditionally at 9 p.m. to-night."

The capitulation comes into force at noon to-morrow.

No confirmation of the above report states "Reuter," has been received hitherto from any other source.

Communiques

LONDON, Apr. 17 (Reuter).—In Western Macedonia no substantial changes in the situation have taken place, says a Greek High Command communique broadcast from the Athens radio.

On the Albanian front, adds the communique, certain movements of evacuation have been carried out without impediment.

Kilise and Ersek have been evacuated.

ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
SHANGHAI, Apr. 18 (UP).—A Chinese gunman last night shot and wounded the Chinese foreman of the printing department of the pro-Chungking vernacular paper, "Ta Mei Wen Pao," which is published by the "Post Mercury." The foreman was walking home from work.

'ALMOST DAILY' AID TO BRITAIN Knox Disclosure

WASHINGTON, Apr. 17 (Reuter).—The United States Navy is "almost daily" issuing material to Britain from stores in hand.

The Secretary for the Navy, Colonel Frank Knox, disclosed this while testifying before the Senate Defence Investigation Committee.

Referring to the progress being made on shore facilities, including the new bases acquired from Britain, Colonel Knox declared that the work on them was "35 per cent. complete, on the average."

Four Vessels Transferred

WASHINGTON, Apr. 17 (Reuter).—Four United States cargo vessels have been acquired by the United States Maritime Commission for immediate transfer to the British Government under the Lend-Lease Act, it was announced to-night. They will be registered under the British flag and manned entirely by British crews.

MALTA RAIDS

MALTA, Apr. 17 (Reuter).—Enemy aircraft were thrice over the island in the last 24 hours.

A Junkers making a reconnaissance in the afternoon at a great height was engaged by anti-aircraft defences.

There is nothing further to report.

LATE NEWS

Wednesday's Blitz on London Described

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Hitler's three-fold objective by a preliminary blitz on London to create confusion and despondency on the eve of the event among the general public and paralyse normal services and communications.

It is probable that one or more other large cities or areas would be attacked on the same scale at the same time or at least on successive nights. One area might well be Northern Ireland, which the Luftwaffe blitzed on Tuesday night. Here an attempt would obviously be made to create difficulties for the British Army in Northern Ireland had it to go to the rescue of Eire from an invasion thrust.

Greater London showed on Wednesday night that it will answer back this ruthless method of attack in which far greater material than military damage is likely to occur, as it has done in every past effort to blitz it to submission.

Firemen, Warden, skilled workmen, Home Guards and the services all strained every nerve to minimise the effect of the raid even while it was on. The attack lasted throughout the night. This would enable many of the raiders to make as many as three trips from their bases in northern France.

Von Papen Going To Berlin

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
ISTANBUL, Apr. 17 (UP).—The German Ambassador, Herr von Papen, is leaving for Berlin within the next few days to report to Hitler, but authoritative quarters deny that a German-Turkish non-aggression pact is under consideration.

French Subs Pass By Gibraltar

GIBRALTAR, Apr. 17 (Reuter).—Eye-witnesses report that three French submarines and one destroyer headed westward through the Straits yesterday, presumably bound for Casablanca.

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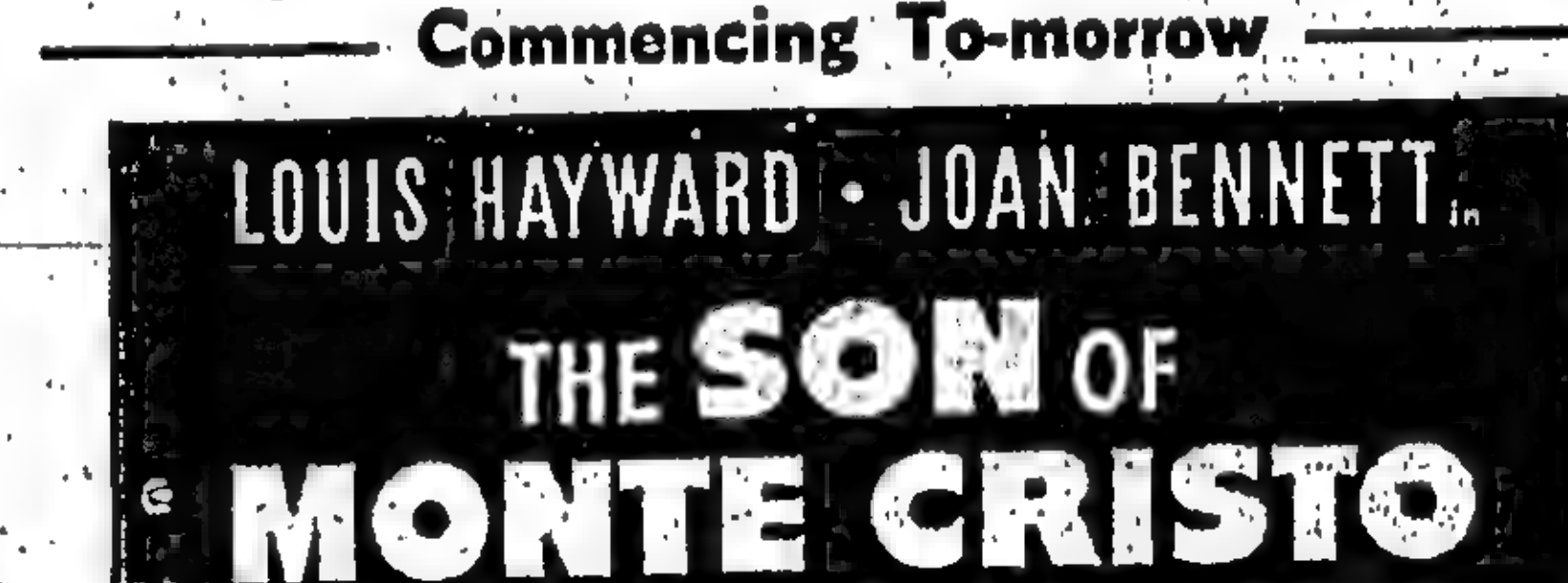
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MASS SLAUGHTER OF GERMANS IN FIERCE BATTLE FOR GREECE

Allied Defences Intact

By RICHARD MacMILLAN
Special to the "Telegraph"

ON THE ALLIED FRONT IN GREECE, Apr. 16 (delayed) (UP).—Hurling themselves with sledgehammer blows against the Anglo-Greek lines, the German army suffered a mass slaughter while making an effort to break through.

The hammering continues on a scale equalling the West Front blitz, with at least three panzer divisions, as well as picked Austrian Alpine troops and brigades of youthful Hitlerian "sturmtruppen" known as "blitzmen" thrown into the battle regardless of the cost. The offensive is staged on the Nazis' improved battle plan.

5-Hour Raid On Bremen

R.A.F. Roars Into New Action

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Apr. 17 (UP).—The Air Ministry announces that the attack on Bremen last night lasted over five hours, and was concentrated on the shipbuilding yards and industrial centres on the right bank of the Weiser River.

Bremen was also attacked by Coastal Command bombers.

Wilhelmshaven, Cuxhaven and Westermunde were also attacked.

British Blenheims attacked Heligoland yesterday and Blenheim fighters raided the aerodrome at Breck Sumar.

One bomber and three fighters of the Coastal Command are missing.

"Blockade" Raids

By The Luftwaffe

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Apr. 17 (UP).—The Luftwaffe returned for their "blockade raids" to-night singling out an area in south England into which a procession of war planes poured, starting soon after dusk and still continuing some hours later.

They followed the methodical 1-2-3 tactics—flares, firebombs and high explosives.

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Stabilising Currency

U. S. Aid For China

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Apr. 17 (UP).—A high Treasury source today disclosed that the currency stabilisation agreement between China and America will be signed not later than next Wednesday.

It was asserted that Mr. T. V. Soong and Mr. Henry Morgenthau, Secretary of the Treasury, will sign the agreement and that a formal announcement regarding it might be issued tomorrow.

The agreement was reached verbally last December, and provided that the Treasury Department allocate \$50,000,000 for the stabilisation of the Chinese Yuan. Observers stated that the decision to proceed with the agreement shows that the United States has revitalised her intention to aid China.



Latest Reports From Greek War Front

Nazis Intensify Their Assaults

Special to the "Telegraph"

LONDON, Apr. 17 (UP).—The German armies, seeking to roll up the Anglo-Greek right and left flanks and to pierce the central front, have intensified their assaults along the entire front, despite suffering severe casualties, according to reports reaching London.

Oil Refused Japanese

Latest Saigon Story
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

SAIGON, April 17 (Domei).—French Indo-China firms, under the control of British and American interests, refuse to supply oil to Japanese ships.

It is understood that the Japanese liner Bordenaux Muru of the Kawasaki Kisen Line arrived here this afternoon on route to Tokyo and asked a local oil firm for 150 tons of oil.

The firm which is controlled by British and American interests, however, refused the request compelling the Japanese ship to change its schedule and call at Nagasaki to receive oil prior to sailing for Tokyo.

President's Son On Way To Hongkong

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

SAN FRANCISCO, Apr. 17 (UP).—Mr. James Roosevelt arrived here by plane from Los Angeles today and is reported to be on route to the Orient.

Mr. Roosevelt was non-committal but it is learned that two reservations were made in Washington for the flight to Hongkong on next Saturday's Clipper.

Mr. Roosevelt declared: "All I know is that I have been ordered to report to the Commander of the Department of the Pacific." He added definitely that his wife was not accompanying him.

Camera Records Famed Incident

When youths removed the Swastika emblem from a German Consulate in San Francisco recently, Berlin furiously protested to Washington and two sailors were turned to Navy officials by the police in connection with the episode. This remarkable photograph was taken as the Swastika was being hauled down. It shows one of the youths clinging precariously to the flag pole as he pulls down the flag.

Navy And Air Force Give Nazis A Rough Time In Cirenaica

Special to the "Telegraph"

LONDON, Apr. 17 (UP).—The Admiralty today announced, "The Commander reports that an extremely successful naval bombardment of Fort Capuzzo at Bardia has been carried out. A large number of salvoes were fired and all were seen to have burst among a concentration of about 100 enemy tanks and motor transport vehicles.

Belgrade's Torment

Defenceless City

(BY "REUTER" IN YUGO-SLAVIA)

April 17.—The death roll resulting from the German air force's raids on Belgrade may reach 12,000, according to estimates of observers who saw the horrors.

Men who saw Rotterdam and Warsaw laid to ruins say that the onslaught on Belgrade was even more severe. After the first raid, I counted 200 dead alone on the main boulevard in the Terazije district in the centre of Belgrade.

The city was wholly unprepared for this attack. A few miserable shelters were the only air-raid precautions measures in being. Fires could not be fought because of lack of water.

Food and fuel soon became exhausted.

Two shelters received direct hits from the first bombs. Three hundred were mown down in one barrages.

The War Office, the Prime Minister's office and most other ministries had gone up in flames by noon of the first day.

Belgrade's leading hotel, the Serbikral, was razed. The German, American and Greek Legations were destroyed.

Some hundred German planes attacked Belgrade in the first raids. Dive-bombers swooped down to 600 feet to drop bombs. Citizens of Belgrade standing in the streets seemed unable to grasp that war was already upon them. It was nothing less than massacre.

After a further day and night of bombing, Belgrade presented a picture of one vast inferno confined within an angle formed by the intersection of the Sava and Danube Rivers.

Fighters Downed 18

Serbian fighter pilots shot down 18 German bombers over Belgrade alone, in the absence of anti-aircraft guns, soldiers fired at the raiders with rifles.

As I left the city, I met Serb troops who had received the first shock of the German advance.

The initial German armoured drive cost the Germans 200 tanks out of a force of 700.

Everywhere the behaviour of the civilian population was heroic.

The aerodrome at El Gazala and its supply dump were again successfully bombed from the sea. Naval units in the Mediterranean shot down at least two German dive bombers and damaged two others.

And The Air Force

CAIRO, Apr. 17 (UP).—R.A.F. bombers and fighters yesterday raided enemy mechanised units, troops and an aerodrome in Cirenaica, including a motorised column near Capuzzo where a number of vehicles were destroyed and casualties caused.

The communique stated, "our bombers attacked the landing grounds at Gazala, El Adem and Derna. Convoys in the same area were bombed and subsequently machine-gunned from a low altitude."

R.A.F. bombers successfully bombed enemy supply columns in Greece, particularly in the Kozani, Bitolj and Ptolemais areas where much damage was caused. The railway line near Korinos, the motor transport road near Kitros and the railway station southeast of Katarini were also successfully bombed.

Fires were started at several aerodromes, and a convoy east of Salonika was heavily raided. Four British planes are missing.

Berlin Claim

BERLIN, Apr. 17 (UP).—Informed German quarters today claimed that the situation of the British troops at Tobruk, Egypt, is "extraordinarily critical."

LATEST

Berlin Raided

BERLIN, Apr. 17 (UP).—It is officially stated that the R.A.F. attacked Berlin on Thursday night.

Greek Reverses

ATHENS, Apr. 17 (UP).—It is officially stated that the Greeks have suffered reverses and that the German advance continues despite the heroic Allied resistance.

See Back Page For Further Late News

20,000 Street Sleepers Crowd H.K. Pavements

Twenty thousand street sleepers were accounted for in the recent Colony census undertaken by the Air Raid Precautions Department under the direction of Wing Commander A. H. Steele-Perkins, Director of A.R.P.

The census also served to reveal the number of people living in each district.

There are approximately 16,000 people residing at Aberdeen, 30,000 at Bay View, 100,000 in the Central district, 210,000 in the Eastern district, 3,000 at Gough Hill, 22,000 at Gunter Bay, 31,000 at Shaukiwan, 9,000 at Stanley, 99,000 in the Upper Levels area, 156,000 in the Western district, 41,000 at Hung Hom, 33,000 at Kwloon City, 110,000 at Mongkok, 173,000 at Shamshuipo, 36,000 at Tsimshatui, and 148,000 at Yau-mat.

Evacuating Istanbul

LONDON, Apr. 18 (Reuter).—The British Legation has advised British women and children in Istanbul to leave, says a report received here from that city.

Street sleepers were included in the census but it is pointed out that the count regarding them cannot be very accurate because of the fact that on the night of the census rain fell incessantly and this must have tended to drive habitual street sleepers to shelter.

However, 20,000 were accounted for.

The reasons why the census figures should be fairly accurate were given by the Director as follows:

The public were told that the object of the census was to enumerate all inhabitants for their own safety in the event of attack.

Widespread co-operation was given by the public.

Three weeks after the census the Medical Department selected at random several census forms that had been rendered and which covered most districts in Hongkong and Kowloon, and the selected night warrants and held a check count.

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12.15 p.m. Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 Tidworth Taffee—1034.

Massed Bands of the Southern Command.

12.45 Songs by Raymond Newell (Baritone).

1.00 Local Time Signal.

1.01 Variety with Bobby Brown, Connie Newell and the Western Brothers.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press and Announcements.

1.45 A "Swing" Programme.

2.15 Close Down.

5.45 Indian Programme.

6.30 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 Songs by Georges Thill.

Nuit d'Espagne (Massenet); Ouvre ton Coeur (Bizet); with piano; Ah! Tout Est Bien Fini (Le Cid, act III, Massenet); with Orchestra.

6.43 Delibes—Sylvia Ballet.

Prelude—The Huntress—Intermezzo—Valse Lento—Pizzicato—Cavalcade of Nations—Symphony Orchestra conducted by John Barbirolli.

7.00 London Relay—The News.

7.15 London Relay—Talk—O. M. Green's Newsletter.

7.30 Light Spanish Programme with La Argentina, Emil de Gogorza, and Conchita Supervia.

Cancion del Paje (Sartorio); Canzures (Turino); Conchita Supervia (Mezzo-Soprano); La Corrida (Valverde); Geronima (Malata); Argentina (Castaño solo with Orchestra); La Sevillana (Vardior); El Relicario (Padilla); Emilio de Gogorza (Baritone); Spanish Dance No. 1 (Granados); New Light Symphony Orchestra; Lamento Borincano (R. Hernandez); La Rosa Oriental (Ramon Espigul); Conchita Supervia (Mezzo-Soprano).

8.00 Local Time Signal and Announcements.

8.02 Louis Levy and His Gammon British Symphony.

8.27 Piano Duets with Rawles and Landauer.

8.39 Max Miller in the Theatre Again.

Recorded during the actual performance at the Holborn Empire, London.

9.00 London Relay—The News.

9.15 London Relay—"Questions of the Hour".

9.30 Request Variety Programme.

The Mocking Fairy (Besly); Elsie Suddaby (Soprano); Bal Masque (Fletcher); Light Symphony Orchestra; Love Made The Song ("Careless Rapture"); Sybil Crawley and Eric Starling with Dr. Lan Theatre Orchestra; Around the Danube (Charrosin); Albert Sandler and his Orchestra; I'm Just Wild About Harry (Film "Babes in Arms"); Judy Garland; With Eric Costes Thro' London; Into Knightsbridge; At the Dance (Summer Days); Bird Songs at Eventide; Three Bears; Covent Garden; Wood Nymphs; I Pity the Fool; Canavan; London Bridge; Quentin M. Maclean (Organ Solo); Dinah (Lewis and others); The Boswell Sisters (Vocal trio with guitar); Alexander's Ragtime Band (Film "Alexander's Ragtime Band"); The Boswell Sisters (trio with guitar).

9.45 News in French. (On Short Wave Only).

10.00 London Relay—"Correspondence Column" by Sidney Hornblow.

10.15 Request Dance Programme.

Fox-Trot—With the Wind and the Rain in your Hair; Bob Chester and His Orchestra; Fox-Trot—I Haven't Time to be a Millionaire; Tommy Dorsey and his Orchestra; Slow Fox-Trot—The Japanese Sandman; Joe Daniels and his Hot Shots; Rumba Fox-Trot—Mama Inex; Havana Novelty Orchestra; Slow Fox-Trot—I Hear a Dream Why Couldn't It Last; Oscar Babin and his Band; Fox-Trot—Ma; Ken "Snakehips" Johnson and his West Indian Orchestra; Quick Step—Meet the Sun Half-way; Billy Cotton and his Band; Fox-Trot—The Breeze and V.; Sydney Light and his Grosvenor House Dance Orchestra; Fox-Trot—Where the Blue Begins; New Mayfair Dance Orchestra; Fox-Trot—Ole King Cole Swanne; Teddy Foster and his Kings of Swing; Fox-Trot—Across the Great Divide; Maurice Winnick and his Orchestra; Waltz—Mummy Lullaby; The Green Brothers' Maritime Band.

11.00 Close Down.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the 52nd Ordinary Annual Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the offices of the Company, Exchange Building, Des Voeux Road, Victoria, Hong Kong, on Tuesday, the 22nd day of April, 1941, at 11.30 o'clock, a.m. for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ended 31st December, 1940.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, the 9th April, 1941, to TUESDAY, the 22nd April, 1941, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

R. TAYLOR,

Manager and Secretary.
Hong Kong, 26th March, 1941.

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Tsinghua University Gathering

In celebration of the 30th anniversary of the founding of their Alma Mater, the alumni of the National Tsinghua University in Hongkong have decided to hold a dinner dance in the Rose Room of the Peninsula Hotel, on April 27.

A number of prominent people, including Dr. Paul Monroe, professor of the Researcher's College, Columbia University, U.S.A., Dr. Monlie Chiang, member of the Executive Council of the Southwest Associated University, Yunnan, Dr. J. Leighton Stuart, President of the Yenching University, Peking, Dr. Y. T. Tsui, former President of the Tsinghua University, Dr. W. W. Yen, former Chinese Ambassador to Soviet Russia, Mr. A. F. Southard, American Consul-General in Hongkong, and Mr. D. J. Stone, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Hongkong, will be invited.

Thai-Indo-China Settlement

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" VICTORY, Apr. 17 (UP).—It is understood that after the arrival of the new Japanese Ambassador, Mr. Sotomatsu Kato, who is now enroute from Tokyo via Moscow, the Japanese will try to eliminate the difficulties which are preventing the French signature to the Thai-Indo-China accord.

The French are demanding the immediate payment of indemnity for the railway and other installations in the ceded portions of Laos and Cambodia.

Japanese Capture Shaoshing

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" SHANGHAI, Apr. 18 (UP).—The Japanese army organ, "Shin Shun Pao", to-day reported that Japanese troops, under cover of naval and aerial barrage, yesterday captured Shaoshing the famed wine producing centre in Chekiang Province.

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African Struggle

Tobruk Not Isolated Raids On Tripoli

CAIRO, Apr. 17 (Reuter).—The successful British operations in Tobruk on Wednesday, when an Italian position was penetrated, cannot be taken as a major engagement.

At the same time, it is pointed out that the latest Italian defeat, coming on the morrow of the repulse of the German attack, flatly disposes of the Axis claim that Tobruk is isolated.

There is no further information about the mission of the Duke of Aosta's envoy to the British in Abyssinia.

Tripoli Posted

CAIRO, Apr. 17 (Reuter).—The R.A.F. and Fleet Air Arm carried out a heavy raid on Wednesday night on Tripoli, the main base of the Italo-German force in Libya.

Shipping and harbour installations were the chief objectives. One medium-sized tanker was hit and the vessel burned fiercely for over an hour. There were many near misses to the shore.

Vessels anchored outside the harbour were attacked. Several direct hits were scored on the Spanish mole and a big fire was started at the town end. Searchlight positions were also machine-gunned.

All British aircraft returned safely.

Entries And Handicaps For April 26

The following are the entries and handicaps for some of the events in the Fourth Extra Race Meeting of the Hongkong Jockey Club, which will be held at Happy Valley on Saturday, April 26, at 2 p.m.

Canterbury Park Stakes. For Australian-bred colts and fillies of this season, six furlongs.

Amusement Tax: 145; Canberra, 142; Gay Fox, 142; Green Diamond, 142; Hiasocay, 142; King's Welcome, 140; Lotus Stand, 142; Misty View, 150; National Reform, 142; Olin, 142; Prairie View, 150; Ratic Decedent, 142; Riverside, 142; Vanguard, 145.

Charters Towers Stakes. For Australian-bred colts, fillies of this season. One mile.

A Blossom Time, 142; Hiorpille, 142; Iron Eagle, 140; Jockey Club, 142; Mountain View, 150; Nominie Pounce, 152; Ozark, 142; Subpoena, 142; Tropical Love, 142.

Karla Stakes. For Australian-bred colts and fillies of 1941. One and a quarter miles.

Y. Archer, 142; Bona Vacantia, 151; Bonshucker, 142; Bugle, 150; Casino, 145; Luxury, 142; Seal River, 140; Seventy Six, 142; Strimble, 142.

St. Kilda Stakes. First Section. For Australian-bred colts and fillies of 1941. Six furlongs.

Anzac Day, 147; Arnieber, 142; A Roxy Time, 150; Baltic, 147; Beaufoir, 142; Bendigo, 140; Castle Hill, 142; Dignitas, 142; Gold Horse, 140; Loder, 142; National Blessings, 142; Newborn Star, 153; Red Rabbit, 140; Rocky Beach, 142; Royal Sovereign, 150; Sarsfield, 142; Snow White, 140; The Kona Bear, 152; Trade Wind, 142.

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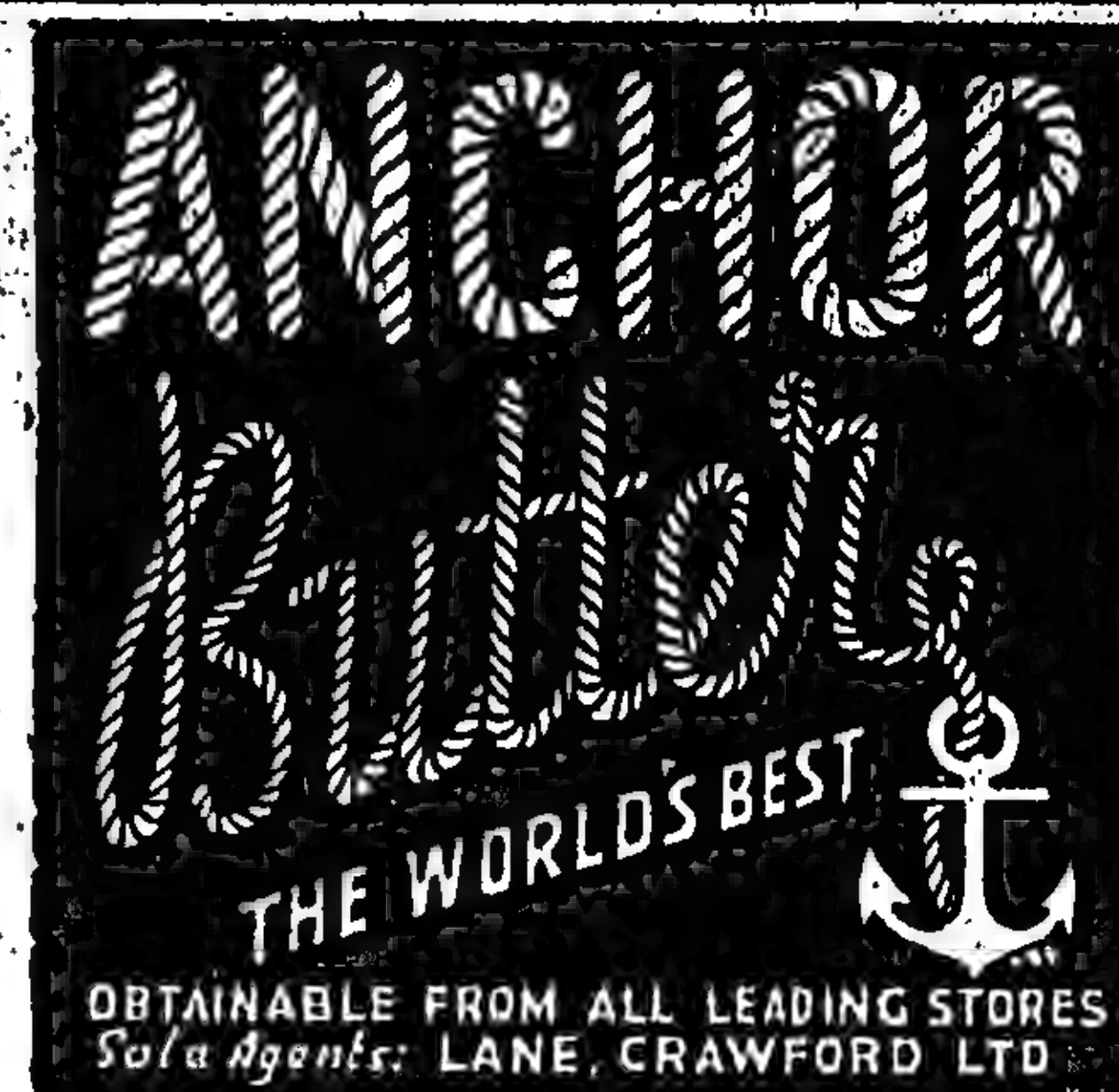
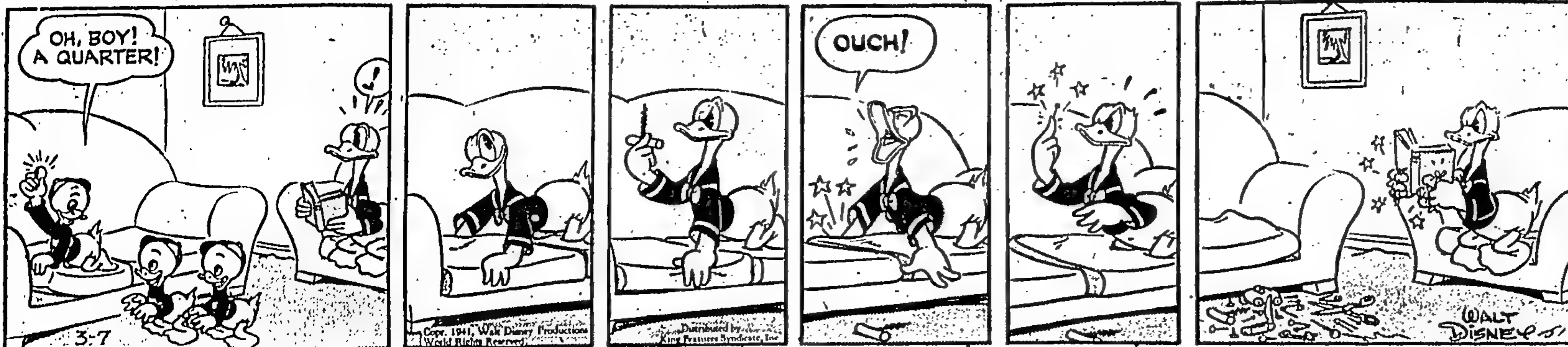
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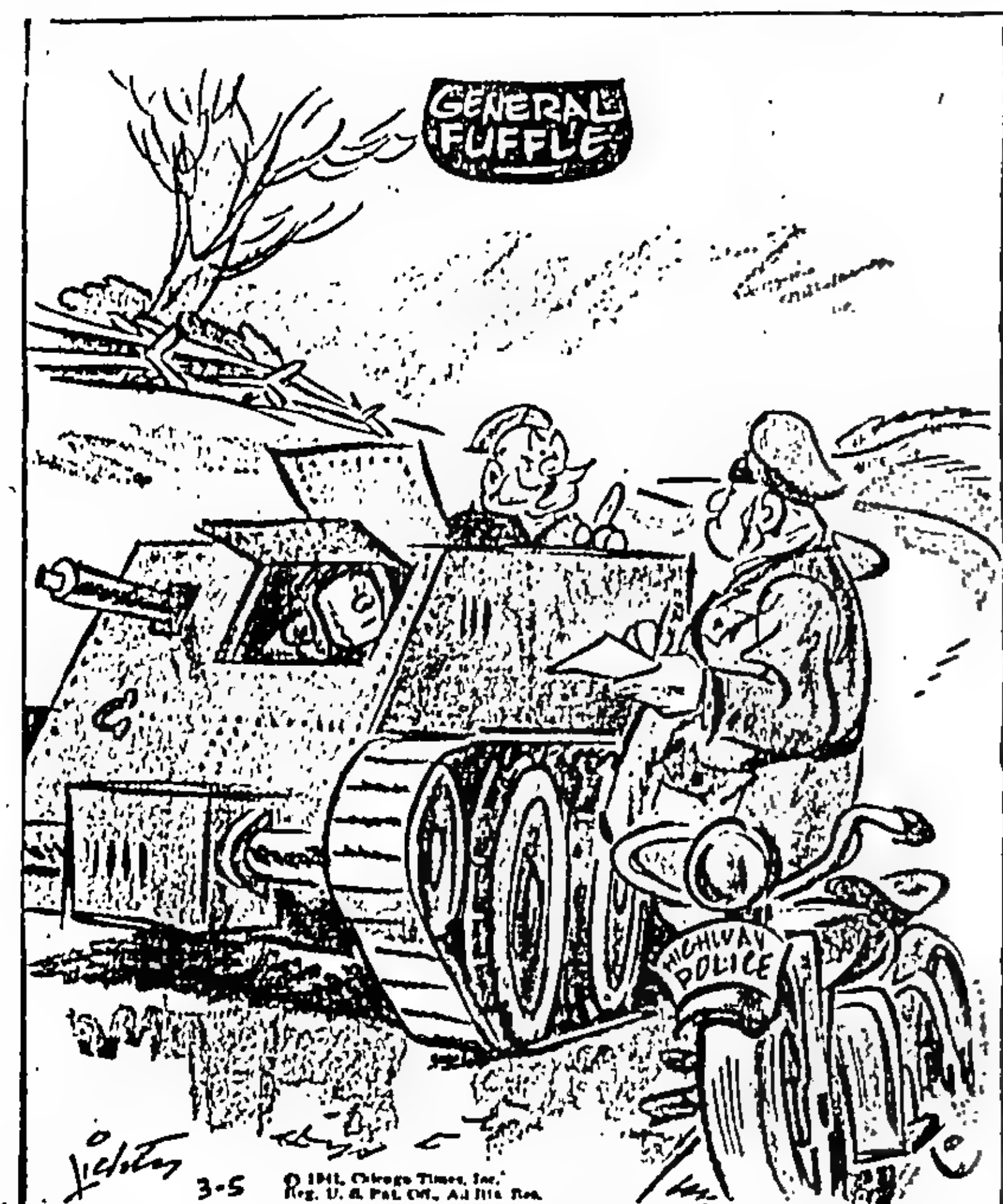
DONALD DUCK

By Walt Disney



GRIN AND BEAR IT

By Lichty



"I'll thank you not to put down how fast we were going—that's a military secret!"

We've Got Secret Weapons, Too!

I WISH some of the less talk I hear could get to Hitler's ears. It would give him the shock of his life. He might believe it, and if he believed only half of it, it might be amusing.

Frequently at my hour of the day I am the only male passenger in the bus to town, which is packed with women. The two behind me are talking.

"... very soon now I should imagine. Robert says so. He's on the Exchange you know dear, of course he gets to know things."

"He says we've got a simply staggering new gun now. It doesn't shoot a shell or bullet or anything like that. It's too wonderful I believe. It fires a vacuum, I think he said, or something like that. Anyway, I know nothing can live in one, or Nature doesn't like it, whatever it is. I do remember that. And Robert says that's just where we fox them. We fire the vacuum thing when there's a raid on, and up it goes, and they don't know it's coming because they can't see it, and nothing can live in it, and so the Nazi simply fades out, my dear. Just like that. Terribly simple, don't you think? But Robert says all simple things are really clever, or the other way about, I forget which. But it absolutely is so."

She had to pause in order to breathe and her companion simply leapt in.

"I know. I know. John was only telling me the other day, that a man he met on the train was saying that we've got an invisible plane nearly ready."

"Really."

"Yes, you can see right through it, and they'll be able to go over Berlin in the day and fly quite low, and see

what the people really are doing in the streets, because, they won't be able to see the plane at all—only the engine—because John says the man told him that they can't make an invisible engine yet. But even if the Germans do see an engine floating about the sky, it seems they'll know it isn't possible, and they'll not believe it, and think it's because they've spots in front of their eyes, with that ersatz food they have to eat."

Her friend nodded. "I should think Hitler will be simply livid when he finds out, because if there's one thing



the man can't stand, Robert says, it's being ridiculous, and as I was saying to my

A WOMAN takes her place in the vacant seat beside me. It appears she knows the two women in front.

"Hel-lo there," she cries, "but how odd—you of all people. I haven't seen you since that frightful day when the balloon got loose. Do you remember?"

"Rather. There's a new one, you know. Never up, though. I asked one of the men if they were short of rope one day. Poor dear couldn't see a joke. Said they'd

plenty of rope and too much gas. I'm told the real reason they keep it down is because if they let it up it might attract the German planes. But why have one at all, I say?"

"You're quite right, dear. George was only saying this morning they'll soon be a thing of the past. He knows a man on the railway, or it might be in the Civil Service. I forget which. Anyway, he has something to do with the Government, or has he? Anyway, he was saying, this Income Tax man, that's what he was, that we've got some sort of a ray that does away with gravity or something."

"Anyway, what this Foreign Office man, or whatever he is, said was that if they took away gravity there'd absolutely be nothing at all to keep the German down, if you understand. He would actually go flying up and up to Heaven knows where, and as they don't bring much food with them they'd simply starve to death. And all the bombs would go up and up into the stratosphere or hemisphere, I never can remember which. Anyway, I know it would be simply splendid and all be over in less than no time, this Secret Service man says."

THE bright young woman in front nodded. She hadn't been listening.

She'd been waiting, and now she burst in: "I had a note from Rachael the other day. She's secretary to a general or an admiral, you know, and hears all the hush hush. And she was saying that on the coast we'd found a way to freeze the sea, and if Hitler did try to invade us, they'd simply wait until the Nazis got near the beach and then they'd freeze the sea, and there they would be all stuck in the ice, my dear, and they'd simply be mown down. I mean imagine it. Goering and Hitler all screaming their heads off in the ice, and dear Mr Churchill on the beach waving his cigar at them. I think it's too splendid, don't you, darling?"

I HAD to leave, but if the war ends suddenly on April 1, you will know the reason why, or will you?

A. R. T.

German Anthem in my Pub

I WAS in a London pub one night recently when the radio began to blare out "Deutschland uber Alles."

It was a noisy, chattering bar till this happened. But at once the conversation faded.

The suspense grew with every note of the song, the civilians kept on looking to see how the soldiers would react. And the soldiers, uncomfortable, kept on looking at one another.

Suddenly a voice called from one corner of the room. Its accent was an obvious burlesque of what you might call the Eton-and-Sandhurst accent.

It called: "I say, you fellows."

Everybody turned to see a middle-aged civilian addressing the main group of officers.

Then he said: "I say, you aren't you fellows STANDING AT ATTENTION?"

The whole bar burst into laughter. By the time it was over the German National Anthem was over as well.

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NOW I ask you... Is there any other country in the world where such a thing could have happened?

German soldiers would have wrecked the bar or arrested the landlord or something.

But in this London bar the whole thing was turned into a joke. It wasn't a very good joke, but at least it was something to laugh at.

And that's what the British people are doing to-day—laughing all they can. That's because they know that if we are going to be free to live, we must be free to laugh.

Moore Raymond

Crossword Puzzle

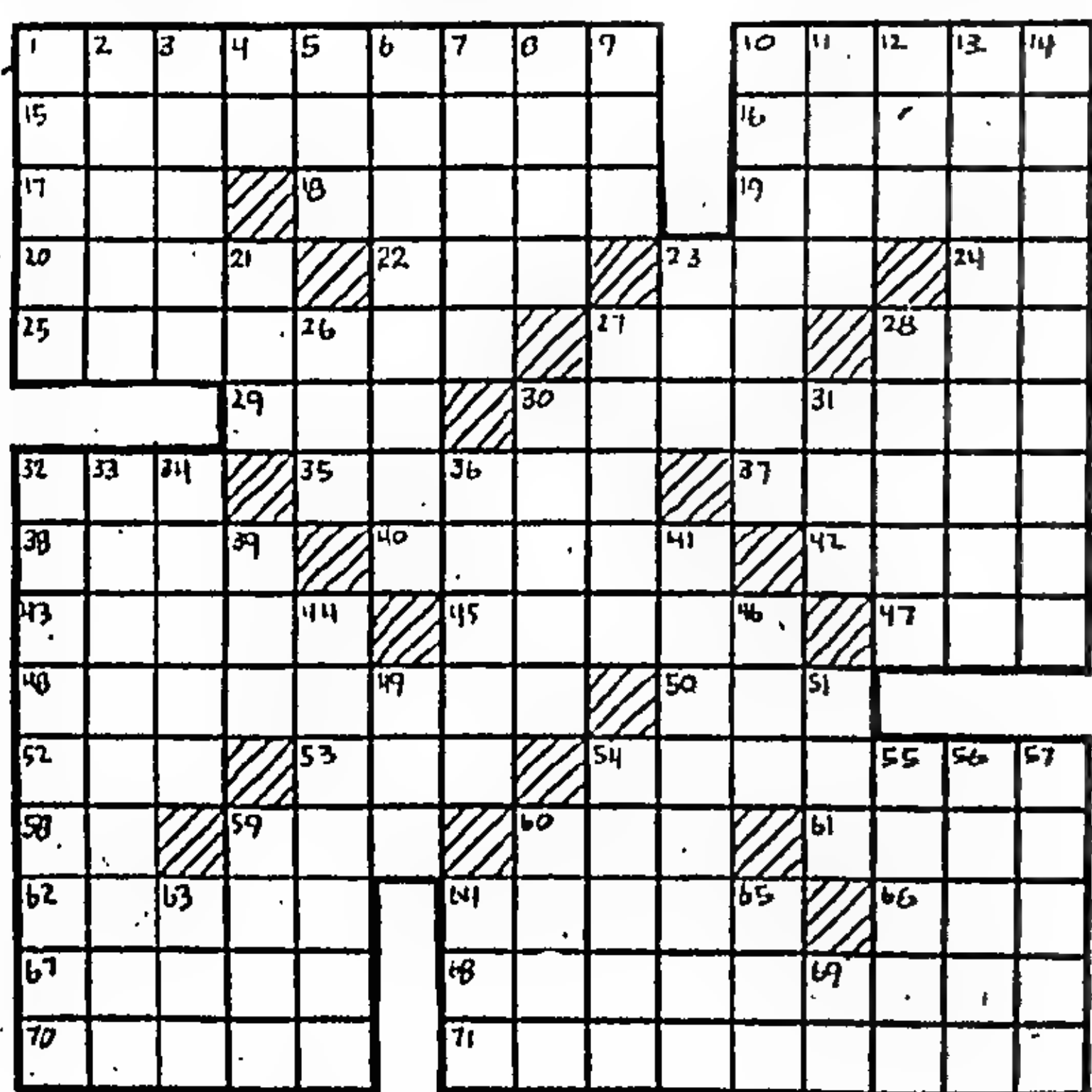
By LARS MORRIS

ACROSS

- One who writes in
- Justification
- Acute
- Award respect
- One who relieves
- Ornate
- Warm (French)
- Italian (French)
- Chirp
- Complete
- Companion (slang)
- That thing
- Soup tureen
- Take supper
- American humorist
- Sea eagle
- Drained
- Likely
- Bird of prey
- Iteman erect
- Forehead
- Trigonometric ratios
- Yorker in cricket
- Arabian coin
- Journeys forth
- Heeded
- Wing
- City in Brazil (col.)
- Isane
- Burmese weight
- Break again
- The chair in "leg"
- Concealed
- Transgress
- Medicinal plant
- Part of India
- Healer

DOWN

- Dragon
- Torture chambers
- Gift
- Run before wind
- Ground for drying
- Celestial beings
- Prag
- Place of abode
- Make believe
- Prefix: before
- Wound excretion
- Anger
- Disdainful look
- Make use of
- Forearm bones
- Bamboo coin
- Presiding to middle of body
- Decorate
- Harmonized
- Practise
- Armed combat
- Love song
- Village
- Thus (Latin)
- Help
- Money of account
- Slit
- Gift's name
- Mute painful
- Ninety
- Equal
- Trough
- Horn
- Southwestern state (abbr.)



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DEATH

RUSSELL—Margaret Jane, passed peacefully away at "The Hermitage," Hongkong, at 3 a.m. April 18, 1941. The funeral will take place at the Colonial Cemetery to-morrow, the cortege passing the Monument at 5 p.m.

The
Hongkong Telegraph.

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STIFF UPPER LIP

THERE is no doubt that many English people are now remembering with pride that their gallant leader promised them blood, tears, toil and sweat along the first arduous laps to victory. The reversals in Libya and the Balkans, superficial as they may prove to be, are a timely reminder that the Nazi land forces are a most formidable fighting machine—not at all to be compared with the Italian army.

There is little doubt but that the war is going on for a long time yet and the peoples assembled together under the Union Jack against Germany and Italy are prepared grimly to suffer whatever reverses the future may hold for them on land, sea and in the air. It is gratifying to reflect that whatever casualties we sustain, the enemy pays generally threefold and whatever territory he gains always adds to his overheads and pays no dividends. On the other hand the democracies' strength increases by leaps and bounds; time, which we should have taken by the forelock a few years ago, has not deserted us.

Factually the situation calls for clear thinking and quick action on our part to nullify entirely the enemy gains in North Africa and to check his headlong course in the south of Yugo-Slavia towards the heart of Greece. General Wavell took a great gamble with his Army of the Nile. He had to. Using his forces like a hammer he struck blow after blow swiftly along the whole Libyan coast and then, having temporarily quashed all opposition he turned it on Abyssinia and crushed that clayey-footed Empire in a few history-making weeks. At the same time Wavell denuded his strength in proportion to the enemy's weakening resistance to send reinforcements to Greece while he had also to keep in mind the threat that might yet emerge from Tripoli where the humiliated enemy was being given backbone by a German armoured division and infantry shipped and flown across from Italy with considerable casualties on route.

Wavell's gamble has been justified. Abyssinia has fallen in time for us to release for service on the Libyan front those victorious troops who raced through Abyssinia. There is no doubt that they will eliminate the German spear-head. The Italians will not risk moving a strong army out of Tripoli in a "do or die" effort to crush the British and hold the German gains unless they are certain of success; and they are not certain. In Greece the enemy have compressed our lines back upon a powerful spring whose embowed face covers the country from the Ionian to the Aegean Sea. The question remains whether enemy pressure can

Concluding: HOW WILL HITLER FALL?

RIDDLE of the BALKANS

By GEORGE SLOCOMBE

(The Famous Foreign Correspondent)

den aggression of Mussolini if, the against Greece, as Germany and Italy Greeks had not been led by the hand against France.

I discussed this question with the had accepted bribes from Fascism as Greek Minister in London, M. Simopoulos. The son of a famous Greek earlier, public opinion might have scholar and the nephew of a famous been undermined and confused, and Minister of Finance, M. Simopoulos Mussolini might have enjoyed a is a veteran in diplomacy. He has served his country in many capitals and under many different Governments.

He was in London when the two most important events occurred in recent history, before the war with Italy—the restoration of King George to the Greek throne in 1935 and the advent of General Metaxas to power in 1936.

Hour And The Man

M. Simopoulos explained to me the circumstances in which Metaxas was called to office. The country was divided into two almost equally powerful factions.

The elections held after King George's restoration, under conditions of freedom and order rarely witnessed in Greece, divided the seats in Parliament between the two principal Parties, but gave the final power to the Communist minority, which with its 14 seats could put either Party in office.

The King, therefore, decided the issue by appealing to a Government of non-party men, headed by a university professor, the late M. Demertzis.

When this man died, his Vice-Premier, General Metaxas, succeeded him. Metaxas then governed Greece with a mild, even-handed, but nevertheless autocratic hand.

Let us not blink the fact. The valiant Greece of to-day, the Greece which rose as one man against Mussolini, which threw back the Italians across the frontier, which pursued an immensely superior army into Albania, which is still inflicting defeat after defeat on Mussolini's mechanised and highly-disciplined army, is not, according to our British ideas, a democracy.

But they were united against outside enemies.

Miscalculations

Italy had for years exerted the weapons of economic penetration, political corruption and Press bribery

The dictator, Tankoff, came into power, and after him a long series of more or less arbitrary statesmen. Only the mild, moderating influence of King Boris saved the country from internal revolution.

Turkey's Path

Under the late Kemal Ataturk, and under his successor Inönü, Turkey has enjoyed a kind of benevolent and patriarchal autocracy, grafted on to a society essentially democratic in character.

Kemal was unlike other autocrats in this, that he sincerely encouraged the growth of democracy and parliamentary government in Turkey, even to the point of creating an official opposition, when the rule of a single personal party seemed to be stifling political thought and criticism.

Like other autocrats, however, Kemal refused to remove himself from the seat of power and see what would happen under conditions of complete freedom. If he had done so, we may wonder if Turkey would be resisting the Axis to-day.

For what is freedom? "Liberty is a noble idea," said a Greek to me recently, "but it is not easy to define it. And it is still less easy to say where one man's liberty ceases and another's begins."

A nation only knows what liberty is when it has lost it. But which is more important, individual liberty or national liberty? And could Greece have saved its national liberty and its independence against the sud-

be brought to break this spring or whether the British can bring in reinforcements that will release these pen-up forces to join with resurgent elements in Yugo-Slavia, Bulgaria and Rumania in resistance.

It would be foolish to attempt to prophesy what will happen; it is however, safe to say that a German success in this Balkan struggle will not help her one wit to a victory in World War No. 2.

In this Greco-Turk reconciliation may be found the germ of a settlement of all the Balkan troubles, perhaps of all the troubles of Europe.

Yet one of these States was, in theory, an autocratic State; and the other a State fluctuating painfully between periods of democracy and periods of semi-autocracy.

Evidently, democracy alone is not to be the fundamental basis of any immediate charter for the Balkans. Not, that is, democracy as the French knew it, and as we used to understand it in Great Britain.

The truth would seem to be that democracy can only flourish at a certain stage of political development and of political education. Superficial culture alone does not encourage its growth—as witness Germany, the Germany of the Kaiser, the Weimar Republic, or of the Third Reich.

In the Balkans, a peninsula of small agricultural States but recently emerged from a long period of enslavement to the Ottoman Empire, and later subject to the domination of one Great Power after another, peace, prosperity and orderly government may have to be ensured for some years to come by a measure of autocratic power.

Co-operation

The protection of the big Powers—Russia or Great Britain—is no solution of the problem.

When the Balkan peoples have learned to depend solely upon themselves, they will have learned the lesson of collective resistance against aggression from without. During the years of illusory European reconciliation and appeasement there were repeated attempts to organise the Balkan States into an entente for mutual protection.

But always that entente was weakened by the abstention of a country like Bulgaria, directly influenced or dominated by an aggressive Power, or the doubtful participation of an unstable State like Rumania, fearful of the designs of the neighbours whose territory it had acquired.

Federation?

This war may clarify that always disquieting condition of things. If only it removes the Balkans from the Great Powers' sphere of influence. If only it persuades the Balkan States to persist in the way of federation.

For a hundred years the Balkans have contained the germs of Great Power disputes.

War in Europe was narrowly averted in 1912 as a result of the Balkan wars. In 1914, the long-threatened conflagration was touched off by a Balkan incident.

It may be that in this long-disputed region of Europe the basis will be found of a larger European federation, a more permanent Europe peace.

CORFU WAITS FOR SETTLING DAY



The Italian departed. The Prefect set to work to inform the foreign Consuls. A few minutes after the British Consul had been notified, the Italian warships began to bombard the town.

The Italian gunnery was shocking in its inaccuracy. Of thirteen shells aimed at the fort, twelve fell short and hit a gendarmerie school. Several ploughed their way through a crowd of orphan boys bathing in the sea. Others fell among the refugees, about whose presence and whereabouts the Italian commander had been warned. Of twenty people found dead when the shelling subsided, 16 were children. The wounded could be counted in dozens. Corfu, which had gone to its slats under a peaceful Mediterranean sky, awoke to the sounds and sights of the battlefield. The now Roman Emperor had won his first victory.

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EARLY in the afternoon of August 31 an Italian fleet came sailing into Corfu harbour. The commander was vice Admiral Tancredi Carrara. He said to an American, Colonel Lowe, "This is a peaceful occupation. If what I saw was peace."

It all began with some murders on the Santi Quaranta road. An Italian General named Tellini and some Italian officers were engaged on frontier demarcation work when they were taken ashore and unceremoniously called upon the Prefect to surrender the island. The Prefect said the Colonel, "I don't know what you call war." Later he declared that the bombardment had been entirely unnecessary, as "one officer with a handful of men could have accomplished the occupation killed. The Duce, spilling to in no position to resist. Of its without firing a single gun."

The islanders, nursing the wounds of 1940, have not forgotten the wounds of 1923. Bravely, grimly, they are waiting for settling day.

Paul Winterdon.

Stamp - Family Wiped Out In London Raid

LONDON, Apr. 17 (Reuter).—The bodies of Lord Stamp and his heir, the Hon. Wilfred Stamp, both killed in last night's air raids, have been recovered from the wreckage of their home in Shortlands, Kent.

The search is continuing for Lady Stamp.

Lord Stamp, whose career was an amazing "success" story, rose from a 15-shilling-a-week boy to the highest business appointments in the land. As, among other activities, President of the London Midland and Scottish Railway, Director of the Bank of England and the Imperial Chemical Industries, and economic expert and adviser to the Government, he was one of the busiest men in the country.

Other Victims

Other raid victims include Lord Auckland, who was an air pilot, and Al Bowley, who was a well-known crooner, both being killed in London.

Body Recovered

LONDON, Apr. 17 (Reuter).—The body of Lady Stamp has now been recovered together with those of Lord Stamp and their son.

They were in a shelter when the house received a direct hit and collapsed on the shelter, which was demolished.

Of the seven people taking refuge, only one was rescued alive.

Young Nazi Gestapo In Shanghai

SHANGHAI, Apr. 17 (Reuter).—A number of German youths, mostly members of the Gestapo, arrived in Shanghai recently for political activities, according to the Chinese newspaper, "Chung Yuen Pao."

The newcomers supervised the recent Japanese parachute exercises over the northern suburbs of Shanghai.

Well-informed circles agree that the parachutists are not for service in China but elsewhere, probably in the South Seas regions, adds the newspaper.

Elderly Malay Lady Dies

The Malay community lost one of its most respected members early this morning when Mrs. Kahima Dallah passed away at her residence.

Aged 60, Mrs. Dallah had been in indifferent health for a long time. She took a turn for the worse a week ago.

She leaves a son, Mr. A. R. Dallah, the well-known lawn bowler, and a daughter, Mrs. A. G. Kadir.

The funeral will take place this afternoon at the Mohammedan Cemetery.

Shot Down Over U.K. Raid-Free Day

LONDON, Apr. 17 (Reuter).—Six enemy raiders were shot down last night in the raid on London, it is now learned.

An Air Ministry communiqué states that three were destroyed by fighters and three by anti-aircraft fire. Two enemy aircraft were shot down into the Straits of Dover this morning by fighters and it is now known that one enemy fighter was destroyed over the French coast yesterday.

There was no enemy activity over Britain to-day apart from the dropping of bombs on a town in northeast Scotland by single aircraft. Damage was small but some persons were killed.

Over Northeast
LONDON, Apr. 17 (Reuter).—German aeroplanes were reported over a town in northeast England to-day.

The raiders, which crossed the west coast, scattered bombs in the rural districts.

A procession of German planes raided an area in south England. The attack began soon after dark and was still in progress some hours later.

Farewells
Dr. Quo spent yesterday chiefly in farewell visiting, seeing Mr. Clement Attlee, the Lord Privy Seal, Mr. Ernest Bevin, Minister of Labour and Social Services, Mr. W. S. Morrison, the Postmaster General, and others. Dr. Quo will leave for China tomorrow.

It is not yet known when Dr. Wellington Koo will succeed Dr. Quo, will arrive. He is at present at Vichy and can only come via Spain and Portugal.

As China has not yet recognised General Franco's Government, Dr. Wellington Koo cannot claim diplomatic privileges in crossing Spain but can only travel as a distinguished foreigner.

Exhibition Of War Paintings

Under the distinguished patronage of His Excellency the Governor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote, an exhibition of war paintings and sketches is being held at St. John's Cathedral Hall by Mr. Liang Yu-ming, of the Aeronautics Department and Ministry of Education, Chungking.

The exhibition was opened this morning by the Rt. Rev. Bishop R. O. Hall, who thanked Mr. Liang for typifying so brilliantly that spirit of resistance which, he said, would enable China to emerge triumphant over every enemy, within and without. He added that though he was neither an artist nor an art expert, he had enjoyed every one of the pictures on exhibition.

Fine Collection
There are some 150 oil paintings and sketches on view and they form one of the finest collections of its kind ever exhibited in the Colony.

The subjects are varied, ranging from peaceful occupations in villages to scenes of the armed forces of China resisting the invader, and of special interest is one entitled "The whole nation under mobilisation," showing China hard at work, both industrially and militarily, for final victory.

Realistic Touch
One outstanding feature of the pictures was the realistic touch imparted by the artist on his subjects, particularly in regard to the oil paintings, which all showed actual scenes of air battles over different cities of China. Besides war paintings and sketches, there is also a series depicting scenes from Chinese history as given in Wen Tien-hsiang's poem of "The Song of the Proper Spirit" and Yu Fei's Elegy "The Blood-Stained River."

The exhibition will continue to-day and will open from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. to-morrow.

The net proceeds will be given to the B.W.O.F., the British Fund for the Relief of Distress in China and the Chinese Artists' Aeronautics Fund.

'ALMOST DAILY' AID TO BRITAIN

WASHINGTON, Apr. 17 (Reuter).—The United States Navy is "almost daily" issuing material to Britain from stores in hand.

The Secretary for the Navy, Colonel Frank Knox, disclosed this today before the Senate Defense Investigation Committee.

Referring to the progress being made on shore facilities, including the new bases acquired from Britain, Colonel Knox declared that the work on them was "55 per cent. complete, on the average."

Four Vessels Transferred
WASHINGTON, Apr. 17 (Reuter).—Four United States cargo vessels have been acquired by the United States Maritime Commission for immediate transfer to the British Government under the Lease and Lend Act, it was announced to-night.

They will be registered under the British flag and manned entirely by British crews.

S. M. C. Faces Appointment Of Chinese

SHANGHAI, Apr. 18 (Reuter).—Although just voted into office, the foreign members of the Provisional Council are already facing a very delicate situation, namely the selection of four Chinese members.

Both the pro-Chungking and pro-Nanking bodies here have sent in their nominations to the Council. In addition, the Nanking group has sent a letter to the Council alleging that the Chungking group's procedure is illegal as their nomination was made from Hongkong, to where the pro-Chungking Chinese Ratepayers' Association recently transferred to avoid interference from Japanese Wang Ching-wai supporters.

The four Chinese that were mentioned yesterday were unofficial.

Loss Of Work Blamed For Theft Of Clothes

Chan Kau, 30, unemployed, was fined \$40, with the option of six weeks' imprisonment with hard labour, by Mr. D. J. N. Anderson at Kowloon Magistracy this morning for larceny of clothing, the property of Lieut. Collingwood, of No. 100 Waterloo Road, Kowloon, on April 16.

Sgt. B. R. Ross said that the complainant's amah took his clothing to the roof. A friend of the amah visited the house and found two sports jackets on the stairs. On being informed, the amah went up to the roof and found that the clothes had been taken. She ran to the servants' quarters and saw Defendant hiding behind a wall. He was chased and caught.

Sgt. Ross added that Defendant was until recently employed in the Gloucester Hotel Bakery, and the loss of his employment had affected his mind.

The two sports jackets were recovered.

MALTA RAIDS

MALTA, Apr. 17 (Reuter).—Enemy aircraft were thrice over the island in the last 24 hours.

A Junkers making a reconnaissance in the afternoon at a great height was engaged by anti-aircraft defences.

There is nothing further to report.

Von Papen Going To Berlin

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
ISTANBUL, Apr. 17. (UR).—The German Ambassador, Herr von Papen, is leaving for Berlin within the next few days to report to Hitler, but authoritative quarters deny that a German-Turkish non-aggression pact is under consideration.

CONVOY LIE

WASHINGTON, Apr. 17 (Reuter).—President Roosevelt, through his Private Secretary, Mr. Stephen Early, characterized as "deliberate" the reports that United States naval vessels were helping to convoy British ships across the Atlantic.

American Tax-Payers Must Dig Deeper

WASHINGTON, Apr. 17 (Reuter).—United States tax payers are to be asked to pay \$3,500,000,000 more dollars next year.

The Secretary to the Treasury, Mr. Henry Morgenthau, announced that the Administration are asking for this amount of new taxes. That figure, he added, was reached on the basis that at least two-thirds of the expenditure ought to be raised by taxation.

Expenditure for the fiscal year beginning July 1 is estimated at \$19,000,000,000.

"The existing taxes will bring us just over \$8,000,000,000, leaving about \$3,500,000,000 short of the amount of taxes that we ought to raise," he said.

Apart from these new taxes, the Treasury will have to borrow \$500,000,000 a month to meet the expenditures on the Defence and Lease and Lend Programmes.

BRITISH FIRMS WORK TO WIN Co-operative Spirit

LONDON, Apr. 17 (Reuter).—Steady progress is being made in carrying out the Government scheme for the concentration of industry whereby some firms will work to full capacity with government assistance over labour and raw materials and others will be closed down for the duration of the war, receiving compensation from those still operating and a government guarantee of sympathetic help to re-open directly hostilities are concluded.

Approved firms will be called "nucleus" firms and in the cotton spinning industry, 111 mills have already been accepted by the Government in this manner while 61 mills are to be closed down and the position of the remaining 229 is under consideration.

Hosiery Industry
The hosiery industry, which consists in the main of undertakings of a moderate size, is facing a somewhat different problem and one firm, for example, is closing three out of 12 factories, while four small firms are to carry on production in one factory.

An interesting experiment is being tried by firms manufacturing similar goods which are working as independent units under the roof of one factory. Six companies making imitation leather goods in Northampton are forming a holding company which will continue their interests.

Concentration is thus being carried forward in the strongest co-operative spirit in many industries where the Government realise that benefit will be gained.

It has been decided to exclude furniture-making and clothing industries from the scheme because the units are so small and varied that the disturbance caused by such reorganisation is not likely to be justified.

BLACK-OUT CRITICISM
Director Of A.R.P. Gives His Views

As earlier reported last night's black-out was unsuccessful. This morning Wing-Commander A. H. Steele-Perkins said that when discussing the question of observation with the air observer he found that the greatest light offenders appears to have been sampans and junks which were all over the harbour.

Wing-Commander Steele-Perkins pointed out that this in itself must give away the situation of the island. Squatters' camps at Tai Hang and above Blue Pool Road were also offending areas.

Efforts To Carry On
A drive through the town revealed that contrary to former black-outs a large number of houses last night showed efforts to carry on under restricted lighting conditions instead of merely closing lights and going to bed. The effort was very creditable.

It was also observed that a large number of people congregated on the roofs of houses with lanterns and torches which although invisible from the ground were quite visible from the air.

During last night's black-out the opportunity was taken to test lighting effects at the Queen Mary Hospital and the undertaking proved successful. All the sun-blinds were drawn and in each ward and passage blue "spread" bulbs were used with a certain number of low-power non-coloured globes, which would give sufficient light for the medical personnel to carry on their work with efficiency.

Communications
No A.R.P. exercises were held last night owing to the shortness of the black-out but almost all the report centres were testing their communications as between Wardens in the streets and the Central Authority.

To my mind the only method to obtain a real 100 per cent black-out is to singe one at least a week. This, I think, would compel people to take the necessary precautions, but I hope that this will not be necessary because we rely so much on the co-operation of the general public," said Commander Steele-Perkins.

French Subs Pass By Gibraltar

GIBRALTAR, Apr. 17 (Reuter).—Eye-witnesses report that three French submarines and one destroyer headed westward through the Straits yesterday, presumably bound for Casablanca.



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"Captain Foster's" Racing Review

Exciting Finishes During Easter Meeting

S.W. Lee Heads List Of Successful Owners

I WAS DELIGHTED to see Mr S. W. Lee heading the list of successful owners with two wins, a second and a third, because he has a string of about three dozen ponies including a couple of hacks. He has won an aggregate of \$2,550, contributed by Blue Field, Baffin Bay, West Lake and Double Finesse.

Order Of Finishes

GOOD SPORT was undoubtedly enjoyed by all the race-goers, who had certainly the full value of their money, and there were a few records broken.

The introduction of a clause practically forcing owners not to run their ponies out of distances was not only well commended, but it was instrumental in keeping the field down to those which our track could really hold.

Those "who have gone down the sink" must admit that there were not many runaway victories. The segregation of defeats shows the following results:

| | 1 race |
|--------------|--------|
| Dead Heat | 1 |
| Short Head | 1 |
| A Head | 1 |
| A Neck | 1 |
| 1/2 Length | 3 |
| A Length | 2 |
| 1 1/2 do | 2 |
| 2 do | 3 |
| 3 do | 2 |
| 4 do | 5 |
| 5 do | 1 |
| Many Lengths | 1 |

24 races

Major Baseball

Chicago White Sox Blanked By Indians

NEW YORK, Apr. 17 (UP).—Cleveland Indians provided the first whitewashing of the Major Baseball Leagues when they met and defeated the Chicago White Sox 2-0 to-day.

| | R | H | E |
|---|---|----|---|
| Chicago | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Cleveland | 2 | 7 | 0 |
| Batteries: A. Smith, Hensley, Philadelphia | 4 | 7 | 3 |
| Batteries: Vaughan, R. Johnson, Hayes, Yankees | 0 | 12 | 0 |
| Batteries: Gomez, Red, Boer, Pittsburgh | 7 | 10 | 2 |
| Batteries: Sewell, Lopez, Chicago | 2 | 3 | 3 |
| Batteries: V. Olsen, Frickson, Page, McCullough, St. Louis | 7 | 13 | 0 |
| Batteries: McGee, Hutchinson, Gronicki, Mohlen, Lyons, Padgett, W. Cooper, Cincinnati | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Batteries: Thompson, E. Riddle, Logan, Lombardi, J. Riddle, Banker. | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Rest Cricket Eleven

THE REST TEAM to represent the Junior Cricket League in the winding-up-of-the-season match against K.C.C., the champions, on Sunday afternoon has been selected as follows:

A. E. Carey (Police), capt., M. A. Remedios (Recreo), G. Ainslee (C.S.C.C.), A. el Arculli, jun., (I.R.C.), M. R. Razack (I.R.C.), U. H. Esmail (C.C.C.), H. E. Strange (C.S.C.C.), U. M. Omar (C.C.C.), A. Noronha (Recreo), K. Lo (University), and D. Chelliah (University).

The match will be played at the K.C.C., starting at 2 o'clock sharp.

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Sapper Fails For First Time Of Its Racing Career: Jockeys Suspended And Reprimanded

WITH HEAVY CLOUDS hanging above, Mr Clerk of the Weather did not open the tap on either Saturday or Monday last with the result that there was a tremendous crowd of racegoers present on both days of the Easter Race Meeting. There were several close and exciting finishes and complimentary remarks were heard about the fine results of the handicapping events.

Outstanding feature of the Easter Carnival was the disastrous running of Mrs Grasett's Sapper in the Albury Handicap from the 1 1/2 mile post (about half mile 170 yards), and this was the first occasion that the pony's saddle-cloth number was not hoisted in the semaphore since he started his racing career in 1940.

It may, however, be interesting to know that it was also Sapper's first attempt over a short distance, and on top of this, the sailor jockey (Proulx) was put aboard at the eleventh hour because the usual pilot was suspended.

The running of the Taiwan Bay Handicap (second section) for "D" class China ponies was marred when Mr Cooper on Sylvandale was badly unseated and he escaped with slight bruises. Following the incident, permission to Mr Lo Kwong-to to ride has been temporarily withdrawn, but Sylvandale has gone to the happy hunting grounds.

A protest was lodged after the running of the Hongkong Bay Handicap (second section) when Messrs W. H. S. Davis and F. Y. T. Wei were asked to see the carpet in the Stewards' chamber. The former was suspended from riding for the remainder of the first half racing season and the latter was severely reprimanded. As expected, the return of Lt. Cdr Craven to the saddle gave an easy win to Wonderful Scheme in the open event, Mrs Bay Stakes, while Mr R. M. Wood scored his first and notable success on the Hongkong Bank's Wayworth in the Coolgardie Stakes (second section) after graduating from the novice class.

Successful Jockeys

THE most successful jockey was Mr Peter Wei who piloted Galaxy, Longdon, Joan and Moonlight to victory, and he was trailed by Mr Donald Black with three wins on A Happy Time, Avon and Mainsail, all on the first day of the meeting. Mr Hearne had also a good meeting with three successes on The Nineteenth Hole, Hole in One and Thirty Six.

| | 1st | 2nd | 3rd |
|-----------------|-----|-----|-----|
| P. Y. T. Wei | 4 | 3 | 4 |
| D. Black | 3 | 3 | 1 |
| H. J. A. Hearne | 3 | 1 | 2 |
| L. B. Chao | 2 | 4 | 1 |
| H. C. Pih | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| W. Poy | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| H. S. Chang | 1 | 3 | 1 |
| V. V. Needa | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| S. W. Pan | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| S. W. Tang | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| D. H. S. Craven | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| W. Yui | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| S. F. Li | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| B. Proulx | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| R. M. Wood | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| W. H. S. Davis | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| Ip Kiu-ying | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| J. N. de Silva | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| S. W. Lee | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| S. C. Liang | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| B. L. Tao | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| R. K. C. Chui | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| E. F. Chiu | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| G. Trevorton | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| T. W. Chantley | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Y. K. Tu | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| C. L. Gregory | 1 | 1 | 1 |

FANLING GOLF STARTING TIMES

Sunday

| | OLD COURSE |
|-------|----------------------------------|
| 9.10 | B. H. Dodwell, K. B. Morrison. |
| 9.20 | T. A. Anstey, J. H. Harrison. |
| 9.30 | T. F. Pearce, J. A. Plummer. |
| 9.40 | L. R. Andrews, H. W. Bailey. |
| 9.50 | F. Murphy, A. W. Bourne. |
| 10.00 | C. D. Purves, G. M. Park. |
| 10.10 | R. Forrest, B. L. Lloyd. |
| 10.20 | J. H. Geare, W. C. Shewan. |
| 10.30 | J. E. Jupp, A. C. Meredith. |
| 10.40 | A. C. Lamb, G. A. Dinahale. |
| 10.50 | G. Baldwin, F. N. Merritt. |
| 11.00 | H. W. Duley, I. H. C. Highet. |
| 11.10 | A. C. I. Bowker, J. C. Goss. |
| 11.20 | A. K. Mackenzie, Col. Rose. |
| 11.30 | R. D. Gillespie, G. Taylor. |
| 11.40 | H. Penn, J. H. W. W. W. |
| 11.50 | A. M. Kennedy, I. P. Tamworth. |
| 12.00 | W. E. Mackenzie, H. Overy. |
| 12.10 | R. Allen, S. C. Fellham. |
| | NEW COURSE |
| 9.20 | G. G. Alkenhead, R. C. Gairdner. |
| 9.30 | P. E. Annis, H. M. Rowland. |
| 9.40 | R. H. Challinor, K. H. Quick. |
| 9.50 | A. H. Guinness, H. A. Mills. |
| 10.00 | R. Parkin, Miss Kelly. |

Record Bettered By Over 12 Seconds

THE HIGH SPOT on Saturday was the comfortable win of Baffin Bay (L. B. Chao) in the classic event, Brisbane Spring Handicap, over two miles in record time of 3.42 1/2, lowering Never-Never's figure by 12 1/2 seconds.

Heartily congratulations are extended to Mr S. W. Lee who purchased the winner from Mr T. K. Li before the close of entries, and this was the owner's second success of the long distance run.

It is interesting to recall that Baffin Bay was beaten last year by Mr Lee's Amicus Curiae—the winner. However, this new acquisition will no doubt provide him with a strong contender for the Cesarewitch Stakes, a handicap for all Australian ponies over two and a quarter miles to be contested at the Double Tenth Meeting.

Mainsail Shows Promise For The Future

I REMEMBER saying in my notes that we had not seen the best of this season's subscription ponies from the Antipodes on account of the muddy course at the annual big meeting.

The success of Mainsail (Black) in the Caulfield Handicap over the champion course of 1 1/4 miles in record time of 2.16 was a creditable performance and the bay by Mont was full of running at the end. This pony should be watched.

Double Success For T.K. Li In Record Time

THE EASTER STAKES for China ponies was run in a record time of 1.49.3/5 for a mile, and the first two placed ponies belonged to Mr T. K. Li.

Though there were nine runners, it was in reality a battle between two stables plus wits because the winning owner had four racers out against three ponies owned by the Shanghai challenger.

Mr Needa had the choice of the string and he put his saddle on Onlong—who beat the stablemate, Confusion Bay ridden by Mr Black, for the premier place by a head.

A short head behind came Mr Moller's Spicylight piloted by Mr Liang, and the fourth pony was Velvetlight with Mr L. B. Chao in the saddle. Eve of Harvest (Pih) was a good fifth.

There was no doubt that Dupont Bay (Yuen) was sent out to do the spade work, but it was strange to see Rencylight (Wei) following the "amah."

However, it was the most thrilling finish of the Easter meeting and had the jockey on Spicylight come on the outside instead of

hugging the rails, I would be writing a different account.

Founder Of Slazengers Leaves £444,263

FOUNDER, with his brother, of Slazengers, Ltd., manufacturers of sports equipment, Mr. Albert Egerton L. Slazenger, of Princess Gardens, South Kensington, S.W., has left £444,263.

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Lee Wai-tong (South China) following up a shot which Bankier (The Rest) had just brilliantly saved in the final match of the League of Monday last.—England Studio.

Tournament Tennis

Tsui Brothers Easily Beat Fincher and Hung

A MOST DISAPPOINTING GAME of tennis was witnessed on the Hongkong Cricket Club ground yesterday evening when the Tsui brothers entered the semi-final of the Colony Doubles Championship at the expense of E. C. Fincher and W. C. Hung.

The score was 6-2, 6-4 and was at one time 6-2, 5-0.

The Tsui brothers played an accurate and hard game, which would no doubt have been a pleasure to watch had the opposition been able to sustain the rallies. As it happened the match occupied only about half an hour.

Though the losers were scarcely extended by Kong and Fung in the previous round, they themselves scarcely extended the Tsuis. The elder brother brought off some grand overhead smashes. The younger brother bore at least his share of the game and acquitted himself well in all departments of the game.

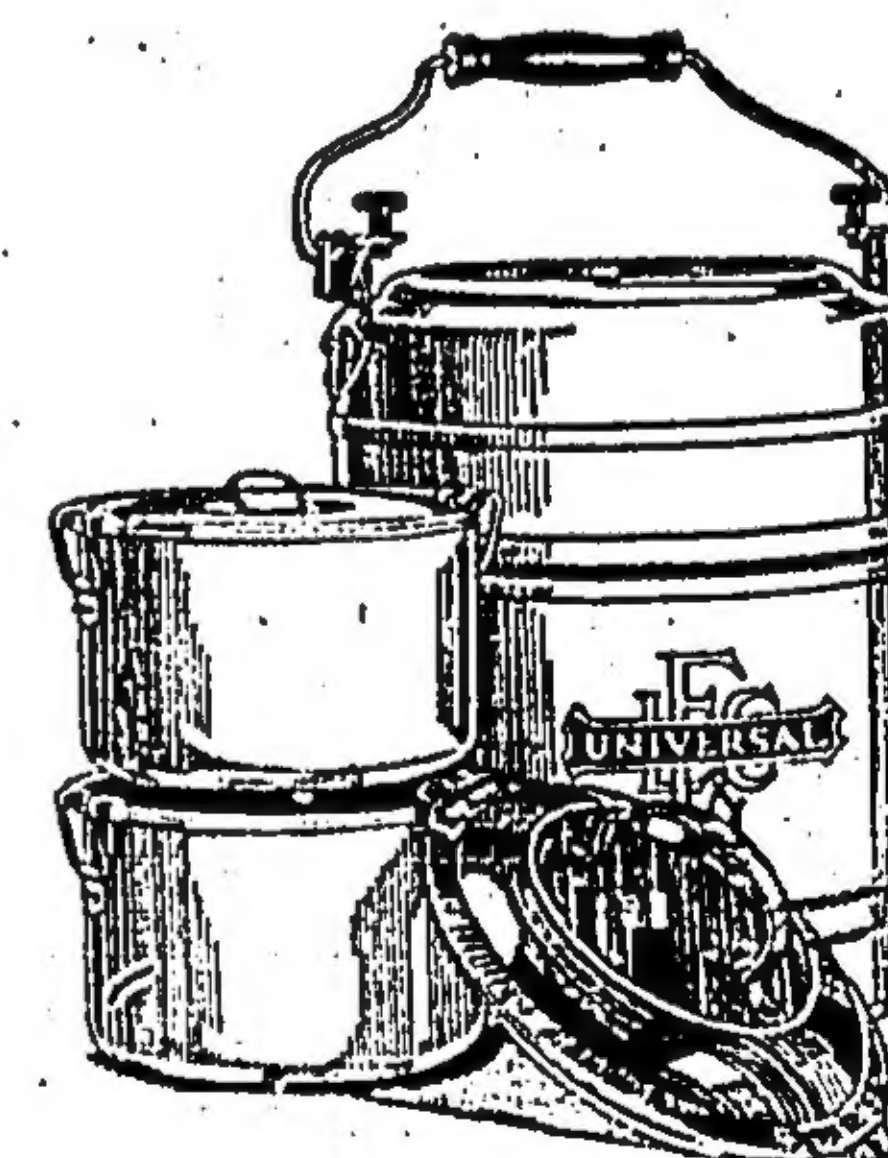
Fincher and Hung failed to strike a winning patch at any time, though they sparked occasionally in the four games before Tsui clinched the issue by winning the tenth game.

ed through bad light, with the scores two sets all.

To-day on the Stand Court, these two meet again and in the semi-finals of the Colony Open Singles Tennis Championship, and the match, it is hoped, will commence at 4.30 p.m.

To-day's Match

At the mention of Tsui Yan-pui and H. D. Rumjhan, one recalls their great match of two years ago when twice they essayed to play their five-set semi-final and twice the game had to be abandoned.



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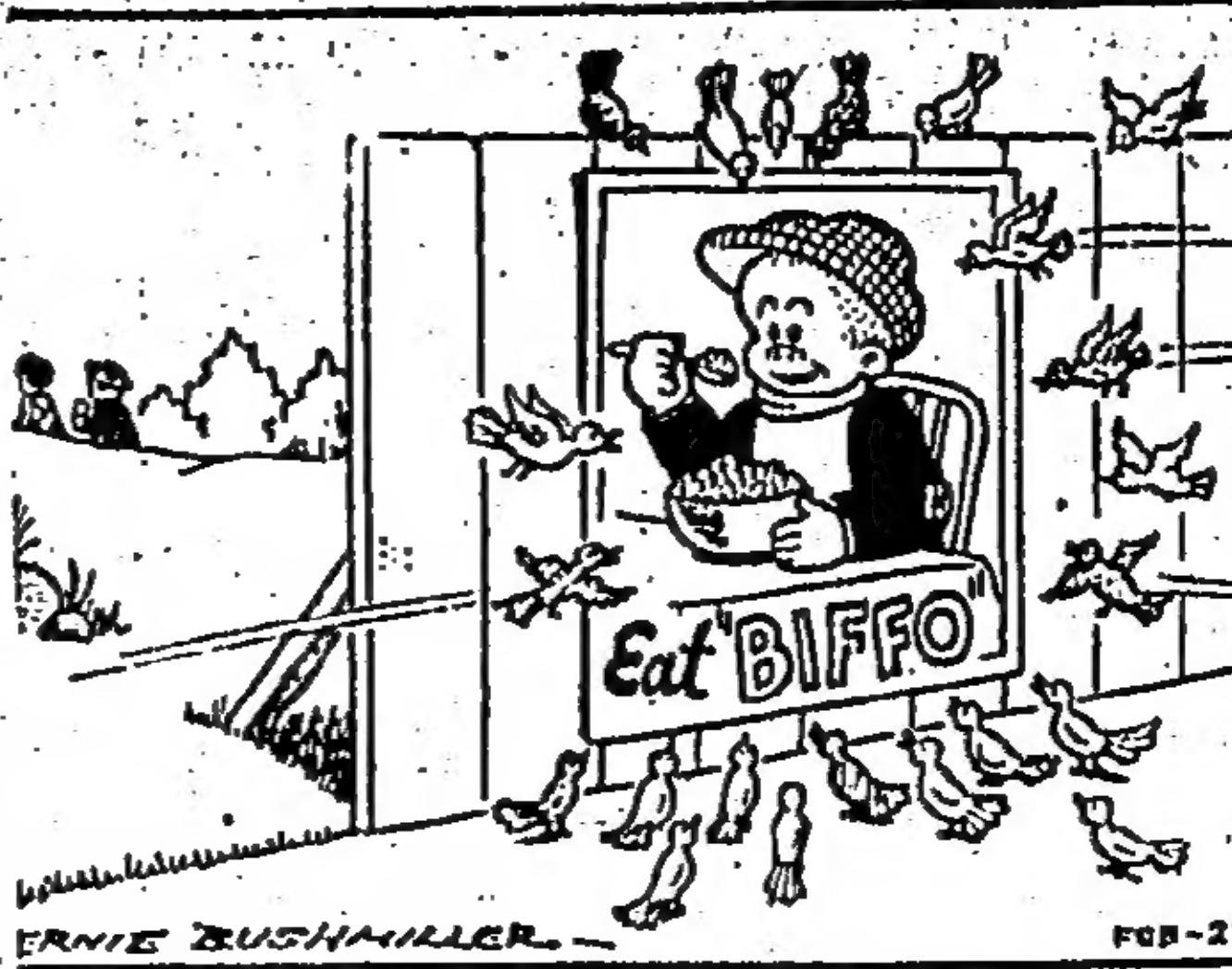
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A.R.P. Tunnel Test Planned

Interviewed this morning, Wing Commander A. H. Steele-Perkins, Director of A.R.P., said that a test of the efficiency of the ventilation plant installed in the tunnel close to the Ellis Kadoorie School will take place early next week.

A previous test of the fans had been carried out from an engineering point of view. No coolies will be used in the forthcoming test.

It will be recalled that a tunnel ventilation test was carried in the tunnel opposite the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank in Queen's Road East recently and that approximately 3,000 coolies were hired for the experiment which proved successful.

Current Account Overdrawn Bank Wins Action

Judgment was given by Mr Justice E. H. Williams in the Summary Court this morning to the Netherlands Handel-Maatschappij, N.V., against the Trust Industriële Beige-Francs and A.A.C. Morant, a partner therein, of 8A Des Voeux Road Central.

Plaintiffs claimed \$1,039 lent or advanced to the Defendants on current account, but waived \$39 to bring the case within Summary Jurisdiction.

Mr H. L. Kwan, of Wilkinson and Grist, appeared for the Plaintiffs.

Mr J. J. von Mublen, accountant of the Plaintiff firm, testified to the Defendants' indebtedness, and produced his company's books to prove this. The money had been overdrawn on the current account on February 26, 1940.

His Lordship gave judgment to the Plaintiffs against both Defendants on the claim and costs.

U.S.-Canadian Defence

MONTREAL, Apr. 17 (Reuter).—The completion of plans for the military and naval defence of the eastern and western coasts of Canada and the United States is announced by the Canada-United States Joint Permanent Defence Board.

"The Board will from now on devote itself to keeping the plans up to meet changing conditions," said the announcement.



PLANES TO PACIFIC—General George C. Marshall, left, U.S. Chief of Staff, confers with Senator Morris Shppard, chairman of the Senate Military Affairs Committee. The General asserted that the U.S. was speeding war planes to the Pacific to strengthen air power there. He would not state the number of planes.

Lost and Stolen

Mr M. Nemazee of 12 Peak Road has reported to the Police the loss of clothing and jewellery to the value of \$315 from his residence.

Miss W. Baxter of 15 Bobington Path has reported to the Police that someone entered her house through an open window and stole property to the value of \$35.

FRENCH COAST ATTACKED

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH". LONDON, Apr. 17 (UP).—The R.A.F. heavily attacked the French coast this afternoon. The explosion of heavy bombs rumbled across the Straits shaking buildings along the Kent coast line.

TELEVISION IN COLOUR

Mr J. L. Baird, television pioneer, has succeeded in transmitting pictures in colour. He demonstrated his new process at his home at Sydenham, S.E., recently.

BIG BROTHEL RAIDED

Two Women Fined

For keeping No. 202 Kiling Street, Shamshuipo, as a brothel, the two women were fined \$50 with the option of two months' hard labour, by Mr A. N. Macfarlane at Kowloon Magistracy this morning.

Ho Wah, 37, married woman, charged with the same offence, failed to appear in Court, and her bail of \$50 was estreated.

Inspector Moreton, of the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs, said that about 11.45 p.m. on Wednesday a raid was carried out by Miss Harrop, and 11 girls and 17 men were found on the premises. He added that the business was apparently being conducted on a big scale.

In the Colony of Hongkong, including the Island, Kowloon and New Territories, during the week ending at 3 p.m. last Saturday, there were altogether 70 traffic accidents as the result of which four persons were killed and 22 were injured.

KING GEORGE V A MIGHTY WARSHIP

("Reuter's" Correspondent on H.M.S. King George V) April 17.—As the first jurist to be allowed aboard Britain's latest and greatest battleship, I am able to describe some special features of what is probably the mightiest instrument of war yet created by man.

Nowhere is there concentrated such effective steel protection against bombs, shells, torpedoes and mines and so many colossal guns.

It takes more than a day to examine this floating fortress, carrying every kind of hush-hush device, including one which might be called Churchill's "secret weapon," about which I can say no more than that it was inspired by him when he was at the Admiralty.

The first thing to be noticed on ascending the gangway is the astonishing thickness of the armour plate, unofficially estimated at 18 inches. On setting foot on board the deck one is confronted with one of the colossal quadruple 14-inch gun-turrets outwardly as big as an ordinary bungalow.

Armament

Altogether there are ten monstrous 14-inch guns as well as rows of 5.25-inch high-angle guns along both sides of the ship—10 in all—and on a higher level are multiple pom-poms. An air attack against K.G.V. as the vessel is known in the Navy, would definitely be a job for a suicide squad.

Incidentally, the fire control instruments, the last word in this branch of war science, are said to have accounted for more than £200,000 of the battleship's total cost.

Should the bridge be put out of action by a bomb or shell, the K.G.V. could still carry on as there are at least four positions in various parts of the ship from which control could continue.

Virtually Unsinkable

Internally the most striking feature is the elaborate sub-divisioning by means of water-tight bulk-heads, making the ship virtually unsinkable. A telephone exchange is linked with 1,200 phones in all parts of the ship while upwards of 60,000 electric lights make the interior as bright and cheerful as is possible in a warship.

Of four hundreds of features which strike one during a tour of the warship which are worthy of remark, not the least are those which contribute to the comfort of the crew. Every conceivable modern device which can be fitted in has been introduced into the body of the living and recreational quarters.

20,000 STREET SLEEPERS

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This revealed that in 22 floors visited the difference in the number of people was only 13.

Few Errors

Many divisional and district wardens made a personal check on the figures supplied by the wardens on the night that the census was taken and only very rarely were small errors found and these consisted of errors in classification of the age groups.

Wing Commander Steele-Perkins added that he himself was the last person who would say that the figures obtained during the census were perfectly correct and foolproof. In such a large undertaking there must be a margin of error.

Asked whether a census had been carried out in the New Territories, Wing Commander Steele-Perkins replied in the negative and attributed this to the lack of wardens. If the wardens' organisation grew a census taking might be held there.

Nazis Intensify Their Assaults

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Greeks had evacuated Klissura and Ersek Albanian. The Albanian communiqué added: "On the Albanian front, certain movements of evacuation were carried out without impediment. Klissura and Ersek were evacuated in consequence."

It was further stated that there was no essential change in the situation in western Macedonia.

German Air Losses

ATHENS, Apr. 17 (UP).—Reliable sources today stated: "The right flank of the Allied front extending to a village near Servia from Katerini is resisting all enemy attacks despite the heavy German aviation bombing. The German air force is suffering great losses."

Not one foot of Greek territory behind the Allied lines has fallen to the enemy. Claims by the German propaganda units that British soldiers are leaving Greece are absolutely untrue. Not one has left Greek territory.

PLANES DOWNED

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH". LONDON, Apr. 17 (UP).—It is officially announced that two enemy fighter-bomber planes were shot down over the Straits of Dover this morning.

Accident Did Not Happen In Black-Out

With reference to a fatal accident that was reported to have occurred during the black-out last night it is pointed out that the mishap took place in daylight at 8.30 p.m. Fung Chi-ming, 30, was killed when his motor-cycle collided with a car travelling in the opposite direction near the Monument, Happy Valley.

P.C. DESERTER FINED

Wong Yun, 23, Police Constable No. C007 of the Hongkong Police was ordered to pay \$200 or do two months in prison by Mr H. G. Sheldon, J.C., at Central Magistracy this morning for desertion from the Force on April 26, 1940 when he was under engagement dated July 8, 1938 to serve for a period of five years.

It was stated that Defendant was not seen after the date of his desertion till he was apprehended at Yaumati on Wednesday afternoon. Defendant admitted the charge and said that at the repeated request of a friend in the Chinese Army he went away to join him. He had no other excuse to offer.

LONDON, Apr. 17 (British Wire- less).—Women born in the year 1920 will register nationally for employment on Saturday.

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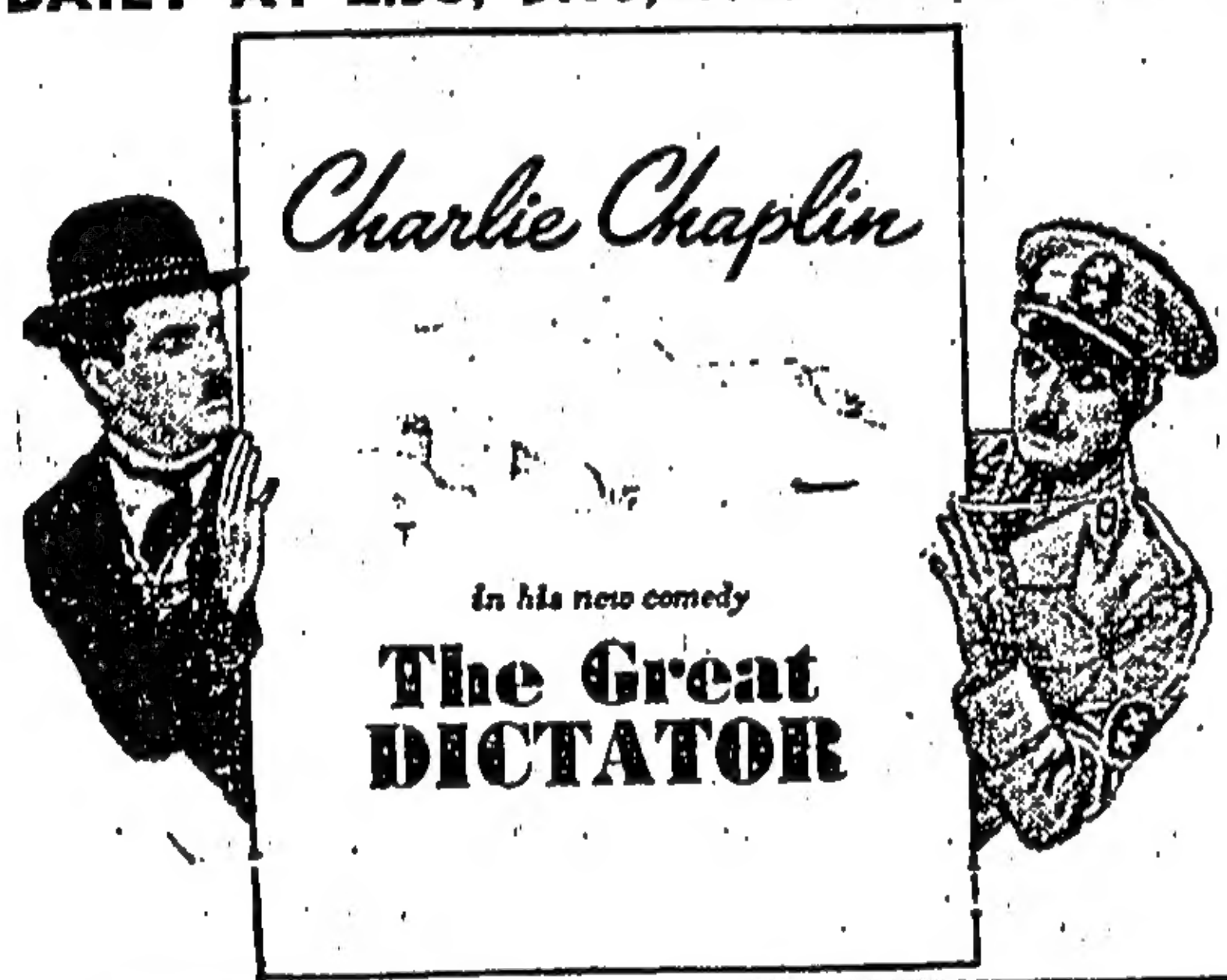
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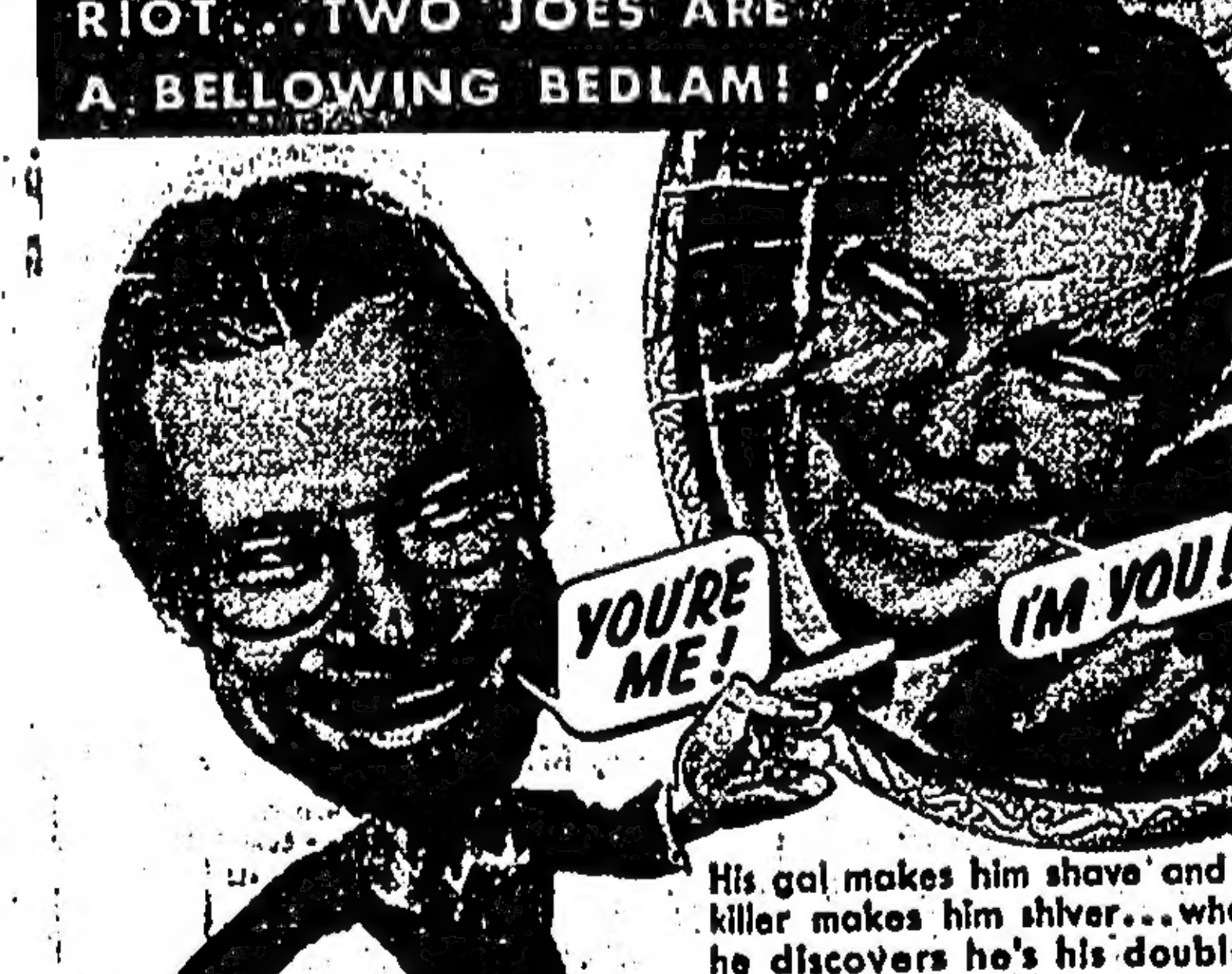
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MASS SLAUGHTER OF GERMANS IN FIERCE BATTLE FOR GREECE

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west of Serbia, where the line bends towards Kalambaka, to which point last night a Berlin communique said that the Germans were advancing.

Quoting news just received from the front, the Athens radio to-night said: "The right flank of the Allied front from Katerini (On the Gulf of Salonika) to Serres is withstanding attacks by the German forces and is continually repulsing them with heavy losses in this area. One British armoured company alone brought down five German aircraft this afternoon by machine-gun fire." It also announced that on the left of the Allied armies, our troops are resisting steadfastly and the enemy has, at no point, gained any ground.

Serious Phase

Earlier the Greek Press Ministry had issued a statement that the battle between the Germans and the British forces had extended all along the front and had entered on a most serious phase. The Germans had thrown the whole of their weight against the Allied forces and were suffering tremendous casualties. The statement added that German pressure was being concentrated upon three points—at Gevena (north of Kalambaka), south of the Hallakmon River, and west of Kozani.

The aim of the German column attacking the first region is the capture of Kalambaka. The fighting, the statement continues, is equally violent in the Kozani area and on the old Albanian frontier, where German columns have appeared and have succeeded in capturing Katerini Ridge.

The R.A.F. is continuing its splendid work in bombing the enemy columns, inflicting great damage on troops and supplies. In conclusion, the statement says that all enemy attacks on the Italian front have been repulsed by the Greeks with very heavy losses on the enemy, and at no point have the Italians gained the slightest advantage.

Lines Intact

ATHENS, Apr. 17 (Reuter).—Latest reports from the Macedonian front state that the Anglo-Greek line, although under pressure, remains intact.

Hard fighting is taking place round Serbia (Greece), where Australian troops are giving the Germans a hammering.

One British armoured unit brought down five German planes with Bren guns.

May Evacuate Albania

CAIRO, Apr. 17 (Reuter).—The Greek Army may have to evacuate Albania where the situation is described as "serious," according to well-informed quarters here.

Considerable German forces which have been free from the action in Yugoslavia have succeeded in pushing back the Greeks who were in position to protect a retreat of the Greek forces from the Albanian sector, it is stated.

This may have repercussions on the British and Imperial troops in Greece.

Well-informed quarters in Cairo do not pretend to minimise the gravity of the Greek situation.

Italian Communique

LONDON, Apr. 17 (Reuter).—A special Italian High Command communique issued on Wednesday night stated:

"Following fierce fighting, the divisions of the Eleventh Army vigorously resumed their advance on Wednesday morning after having broken through the first Greek resistance in the past three days. The whole enemy front is threatened."

Serbs Capitulate?

LONDON, Apr. 17 (UP).—Radio Berlin announced this evening that all Serbian armed forces capitulated at 9 p.m.

German Report

BERLIN, Apr. 17 (UP).—The German armies are attacking the Allied lines in Greece with undiminished fury, however, there is no confirmation of foreign reports that they had broken through the British front north of Larissa. Informed circles said that the High Command has "every reason to be satisfied" with the results achieved.

Surrender of Serbs

LONDON, Apr. 17 (Reuter).—The Nazis claimed to-night that the Yugo-Slav army has surrendered. A statement issued by the official German news agency says: "All the

Yugo-Slav armed forces which have not been disarmed before, surrendered unconditionally at 9 p.m. to-night. The capitulation comes into force at noon to-morrow."

No confirmation of the above report, states "Reuter," has been received hitherto from any other source.

Communiqués

LONDON, Apr. 17 (Reuter).—In Western Macedonia no substantial changes in the situation have taken place, says a Greek High Command communique broadcast from the Athens radio.

On the Albanian front, adds the communique, certain movements of evacuation have been carried out without impediment.

Kilaura and Ersek have been evacuated.

Wednesday's Blitz on London Described

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made to create difficulties for the British Army in Northern Ireland had it to go to the rescue of Eire from an invasion thrust.

No Submission

Greater London showed on Wednesday night that it will answer back this ruthless method of attack in which far greater material than military damage is likely to occur, as it has done in every past effort to blitz it to submission.

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Australia Vigilant

MELBOURNE, Apr. 17 (Reuter).—The Acting Prime Minister, Mr. A. W. Fadden, stated to-day that Australia was vigilant of events in the Pacific after the interpretations of the Russo-Japanese Pact, and was determined to join the rest of the Empire against Axis aggression in the Pacific.

Britain's Gas War On Rabbits

LONDON, Apr. 17 (UP).—Ruthless gas war will be waged on the millions of rabbits which are costing Britain between £30,000,000 and £40,000,000 annually by the foodstuffs they eat.

Damage done by rabbits to food production is out of all proportion to their value as food, and Mr. R. S. Hudson, Minister of Agriculture, is determined to eliminate them.

A rabbit will eat as much as a sheep, and they devour young corn and other green foods. Even before crops begin to appear, rabbits sabotage food production by the way they treat the land," it was explained.

Gassing will be the final blow at the animal after ferrets and traps have done their worst.

LATE NEWS

Japan's Foreign Policy

TOKYO, Apr. 18 (Reuter).—Minimising press predictions of a thorough reconsideration of Japanese foreign policy after the return of Mr. Matsuo, the official spokesman declared that there will be "almost no change" in Japan's basic policy for peace.

He added that Japan was not abandoning the Batavia talks, despite their tardy progress, and he hoped that the presence of Dr. Kleffens might help to expedite matters.

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